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The Honorable Nicole Poore
411 Legislative Ave
Dover, DE 19901

RE: DHA Support for Increased Eligibility for Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports to 300% (SJR 5)

Dear Senator Poore,

The Delaware Healthcare Association, representing Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, is pleased to support SJR 5.

SJR 5 requires the Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) to submit a state plan amendment increasing eligibility for Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) to 300% of Social Security Income (SSI). This increase would align Delaware with all other states and the District of Columbia.

Increasing the income limit for LTSS eligibility was one of the recommendations of the Non-Acute Patient Long-Stay Patient Task Force that completed its work in 2024. The Task Force aimed to assist patients who are no longer in need of acute medical care but who become stuck in the hospital due to barriers that prevent them from being transferred to a more appropriate care setting. Increasing the income limits for qualifying for Medicaid LTSS will help ensure more Delawareans, including long-stay patients, have access to needed long-term care support. Thank you for your leadership on the Long-Stay Task Force and on advancing its recommendations.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SJR 5. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Christina Bryan'.

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