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The Honorable Kendra Johnson
411 Legislative Ave
Dover, DE 19901

The Honorable Kyra Hoffner
411 Legislative Ave
Dover, DE 19901

RE: DHA Comments on Background Check Center Updates (SS1 for SB 67)

Dear Representative Johnson and Senator Hoffner,

On behalf of Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations thank you for the opportunity to provide comments in support of Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 67.

This bill would codify that criminal background reports obtained through the Background Check Center will remain valid for a period of one year for prospective employers. In addition, a new background check would no longer be required when a current employee of a long-term care facility or home care agency receives a promotion.

Strengthening Delaware's healthcare workforce is one of DHA's top advocacy priorities for 2026, and this update will help reduce duplicative screenings, administrative costs, and unnecessary delays in hiring. By streamlining background check requirements without compromising public safety, SS1 for SB 67 supports workforce stability, continuity of care, and responsible oversight.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SS 1 for SB 67. 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'.

Christina Bryan
Vice President of External Affairs