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The Honorable Susan R. Donovan, Chair
House Committee on Health and Human Services
State House
82 Smith St.
Providence, RI 02903

RE: H 7424 – An Act Relating to Businesses and Professions – Collaborative Pharmacy Practice

Dear Chair Donovan:

Please accept this letter of support for H 7424, legislation that would expand the existing law regarding collaborative practice agreements between pharmacists and physicians to allow other healthcare providers to enter into such agreements. The Act would take effect on July 1, 2026.

The proposed legislation would allow prescribing providers and pharmacists within a practice to develop collaborative practice agreements without the requirement to submit those agreements to a Collaborative Practice Committee, the Director of the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), or to the medical or pharmacy boards. This will relieve administrative burdens on medical practices and foster multidisciplinary care for Rhode Islanders and innovation in healthcare.

RIDOH supports this bill as written and is appreciative of the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jerome M. Larkin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jerome M. Larkin, MD
Director

CC: The Honorable Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services
The Honorable Joseph J. Solomon Jr.
Nicole McCarty, Esquire, Chief Legal Counsel
Lynne Urbani, Director of House Policy