



# RHODE ISLAND MEDICAL SOCIETY

Chairperson Susan Donovan  
House Health & Human Services Committee  
Rhode Island House of Representatives  
Rhode Island State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

Support – h 7427

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Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Rhode Island Medical Society (RIMS), representing physicians and physicians-in-training across all specialties and practice settings, we write in support of House Bill 7424.

H 7424 modernizes Rhode Island's collaborative pharmacy practice framework by allowing collaborative practice agreements to take effect once all required documentation is complete, rather than requiring a separate approval or denial process before implementation.

This change streamlines the administrative process without reducing oversight. The Department of Health and the appropriate boards retain full regulatory authority. Parties to a collaborative practice agreement remain responsible for compliance with all statutory and professional standards and must respond to any inquiries from regulators.

Collaborative practice agreements are widely used across the country to improve care coordination, support medication management, and enhance patient access to timely treatment. Nationally, many states have moved toward more streamlined collaborative practice models that rely on clear documentation and regulatory oversight rather than pre-approval processes. H 7424 aligns Rhode Island with that approach while preserving accountability.

This bill does not expand scope of practice beyond what is already authorized. It simply removes unnecessary administrative delay and allows qualified professionals to begin acting under properly executed agreements in a more efficient manner.

For these reasons, RIMS respectfully urges the Committee to support H 7424.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Rhode Island Medical Society