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The Honorable Susan Donovan Chair, House Committee on Health & Human Services  
State House  
82 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: H7424 – RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS – COLLABORATIVE PHARMACY PRACTICE –  
SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

The following testimony was written by Spencer Donovan, a pharmacist and the Director for Legislation for the Rhode Island Society of Health-System Pharmacists. We are an organization that represents pharmacists that practice within the health care system including hospitals and ambulatory care clinics. My comments and support are representative of both my organization and myself. Thank you for allowing time to voice support for H7424.

Pharmacists practicing under collaborative practice agreements in Rhode Island are of vital importance in that they augment the quality of care delivered in their practice settings and have made considerable impacts in addressing the primary care provider shortage in this state. H7424 streamlines the implementation of collaborative practice agreement with pharmacists through removal of board approval which has unnecessarily delayed these agreements in the past. Under collaborative practice agreements pharmacists have worked diligently within healthcare teams to address a wide range of chronic diseases with direct impacts on both hospitalization rates and long-term patient outcomes. The timely implementation of these agreements without administrative delays will have a positive impact on pharmacists' ability to provide this care in a timely manner and to continue improving the state of primary care delivery in Rhode Island.

We urge you to support H7424 as it will not only acknowledge the vital role of pharmacists but also improve the quality of healthcare for the citizens of Rhode Island. Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Spencer Donovan".

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RE: H7625 – RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – COVERAGE FOR  
VACCINATIONS – **SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Donovan and members of the Committee:

The following testimony was written by Spencer Donovan, a pharmacist and the Director for Legislation for the Rhode Island Society of Health-System Pharmacists. We are an organization that represents pharmacists that practice within the health care system including hospitals and ambulatory care clinics. My comments and support are representative of both my organization and myself. Thank you for allowing time to voice support for H7625.

Childhood immunizations are a fundamental element of preventative healthcare for which decades of research have confirmed and built upon the positive health outcomes they confer, both for individuals and patient populations as a whole. However, despite the widely acknowledged benefits they confer patients may still find themselves unable to receive these vaccinations due to financial constraints which are detrimental to their long-term health outcomes and to the protection provided to their communities by being vaccinated against common diseases. H7625 eliminates the practice of cost-sharing for vaccinations recommended by the Rhode Island Department of Health and is a common-sense measure to ensure that Rhode Island children have access to these vaccinations.

We urge you to support H7625 as it will not only acknowledge the vital role of health-system pharmacists but also improve the quality of healthcare for the citizens of Rhode Island. Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Spencer Donovan".

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