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The Honorable Melissa A. Murray  
Rhode Island State Senate  
Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
(Submitted electronically via [SLegislation@rilegislature.gov](mailto:SLegislation@rilegislature.gov))

Dear Chair Murray and Members of the Committee:

Please accept the Rhode Island Health Center Association's letter of **support** for **Senate Bill 2386**, which would require health insurance providers to provide insurance coverage for pharmacists' services.

Pharmacists are licensed healthcare professionals who play an important role in the healthcare delivery system. Their involvement in direct patient care, including medication therapy management, chronic disease management, medication reconciliation, immunizations, and patient education, contributes to improved medication adherence, reduced adverse drug events, better control of chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension, and decreased hospital readmissions. These outcomes align directly with payors' goals of improving quality metrics while controlling expenditures.

Despite these contributions, the lack of consistent reimbursement remains a major barrier to fully leveraging pharmacists' capabilities, including in primary care. Rhode Island's eight community health centers provide primary healthcare to over 220,000 individuals across the state. Collaborative agreements with pharmacists align with the health center's mission of providing patient-centered care, improving health outcomes, reducing the cost of care, and creating a more efficient healthcare system. Reimbursement would ensure sustainability and broader implementation in primary care settings.

As the healthcare delivery system continues to evolve toward value-based care, recognizing pharmacists as reimbursable providers is both a practical and necessary step to improve patient outcomes, enhance care coordination, and reduce overall healthcare costs

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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The Rhode Island Health Center Association members include:  
Blackstone Valley Community Health Care Inc. ~ Comprehensive Community Action Program  
East Bay Community Action Program ~ Providence Community Health Centers  
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