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January 27, 2021

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair
Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

RE: HB0014 – Pharmacist – Prescription Drug and Devices Labels – Expiration Date – Letter of Information with Amendment

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) submits this letter of information with amendments for HB0014 – Pharmacist Drug and Devices Labels – Expiration Date.

Our proposed technical amendment changes the bill language from “manufacturer’s original packaging” to “manufacturer’s sealed original packaging.” While it is not an acceptable practice for a pharmacist to dispense a prescription in an open manufacturer’s container, we suggest incorporating the word “sealed” for clarity, in order to minimize the possibility of bad behavior.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at webster.ye@maryland.gov / (410) 260-3190 or Heather Shek, Deputy Director of Governmental Affairs at heather.shek@maryland.gov and at the same phone number.

Sincerely,

Webster Ye
Assistant Secretary, Health Policy

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 14

On Page 2, Line 10, add the word sealed to the phrase “manufacturer’s original packaging:”

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