



The Hospital + Healthsystem  
Association of Pennsylvania

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Honorable Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives:

On behalf of more than 235 member hospitals and health systems, The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP) writes in support of three proposals before the House this week.

- **House Bill 75/House Bill 76 (Venkat):** Pennsylvania's health care workforce shortage consistently ranks among the worst in the nation. In hospital settings, physician assistants (PA) often work with both allopathic (MD) physicians and osteopathic (DO) physicians. Under current practice, supervising physicians must be licensed by the same board that the PA is licensed. This legislation seeks to streamline that process and remove an unnecessary impediment to ensure that well qualified providers can deliver care to patients. HAP supports every effort to advance that goal.
- **House Bill 2621 (Shusterman):** Reliable collection, analysis, and use of data are essential to continuous improvement of maternal and child health outcomes. The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) has been a joint surveillance project between Pennsylvania and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that has supported survey-based monitoring for decades, collecting information from approximately 1,800 new mothers regarding the care they received and key behaviors around the time of their most recent pregnancy. This proposal would establish a program within the Department of Health similar to the Pennsylvania's PRAMS, ensuring the continuity necessary to sustain this important work.

HAP respectfully urges the House to **vote in favor of HB 75, HB 76, and HB 2621** so Pennsylvania patients and families continue to benefit from a strong, responsive health care workforce and evidence-informed maternal health improvements.

Sincerely,

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