



To: Members of the Ohio House Health Committee

Fr: Monica Hueckel, Senior Director of Government Relations, Ohio State Medical Association

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Re: Substitute HB 193

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On behalf of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA), the state's oldest and largest professional organization representing Ohio physicians, medical residents, and medical students, I am writing today regarding Sub-House Bill 193. OSMA appreciates the changes reflected in the substitute version of this bill from the sponsors, and as a result we are now neutral on Sub-HB 193.

As we have previously stated, our members share the concerns that this bill seeks to resolve, and OSMA believes that consideration of flexibility for prescribers will help ensure that HB 193 achieves what it seeks to do. Additionally, it will help prevent potentially harmful delays in patients obtaining necessary prescriptions, or severe disruption to the workflow of physician practices and other prescriber facilities that could cause further problems.

We thank the sponsors of HB 193 for their attention to feedback from OSMA on specific provisions in the substitute bill. We believe these changes represent elements of that key flexibility needed to ensure physicians across the state can reasonably comply with any new electronic prescribing requirements, and provide for certain unforeseen obstacles and circumstances that may limit a prescriber's electronic prescribing capacity.

As always, OSMA appreciates the opportunity to be a meaningful contributor to the legislative process. Thank you for your consideration of our comments, and please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.