

December 16, 2021

Governor Gretchen Whitmer
Romney Building
Lansing, Michigan 48933
by email

Dear Governor Whitmer:

The Michigan Health & Hospital Association (MHA) and its member hospitals thank you and your team for the successful negotiations on Senate Bill (SB) 759. SB 759 permits licensed out-of-state providers who are in good standing, and are trained, educated and experienced to render clinical care, to practice in Michigan without a Michigan license. This licensing exception will only be available during workforce shortages specifically caused by public health emergencies. This legislation codifies a current flexibility set to expire at the beginning of January 2022. The flexibility allowed by your administration has been an imperative resource for hospitals to appropriately respond to the pandemic. Your support for SB 759 ensures Michigan hospitals may continue to use this option to address the staffing crisis.

Throughout the pandemic you generously used all resources possible prevent a gap in healthcare workers that would have been created if Michigan hospitals lost the ability to recruit out-of-state providers quickly and efficiently. Your efforts contributed to not only increasing the provider workforce and ensuring access to patient care, but also provides relief to healthcare staff who are reaching or are beyond the point of exhaustion.

Again, thank you for your partnership on this issue. You truly are putting the health of Michigan citizens first which will lead to the best patient outcomes. The MHA and its member hospitals respectfully requests your signature on this legislation and looks forward to the enactment of SB 759.

Respectfully submitted,



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