



October 16, 2015

The Honorable Kate Hogan
House Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health
Room 130
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Chairwoman Hogan:

The American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the Massachusetts Osteopathic Society (MOS) are writing to request an amendment to HB 1920. This bill creates a mobile integrated health advisory board to assist in developing and implementing the state mobile integrated health plan. The advisory council includes representatives from across health care delivery, but fails to include MOS, which represents the state's osteopathic physicians. The AOA and MOS would like to request inclusion of a representative for MOS on this commission.

The AOA proudly represents its professional family of more than 109,000 osteopathic physicians and osteopathic medical students, promotes public health, encourages scientific research, serves as the primary certifying body for DOs, is the accrediting agency for osteopathic medical schools and has federal authority to accredit hospitals and other health care facilities. MOS is a professional organization that represents the over 900 DOs providing patient care in Massachusetts.

The AOA and MOS request that the language of the bill be amended as follows:

Ch. 1110 Sec. 3(b) "The advisory council shall consist of the director of the bureau of health care safety and quality, or a designee, who shall serve as a non-voting chair, and ~~47~~ **18** members who shall be appointed by the commissioner...Massachusetts Senior Care Association; Massachusetts Medical Society; Massachusetts Osteopathic Society; Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians; Massachusetts Nurses Association; Home Care Alliance of Massachusetts..."

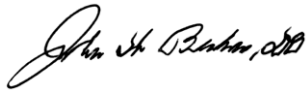
We appreciate your consideration of this request to amend HB 1920. Should you need any additional information, please feel free to contact Nicholas Schilligo, MS, AOA Associate Vice President of State Government Affairs, at nschilligo@osteopathic.org or (800) 621-1773, ext. 8185.

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