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The Honorable Jim Wood  
California State Assembly  
1020 N Street, Room 390  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0002

### Re: AB 852 (Wood) – Support Position

Dear Assemblymember Wood:

During their meeting on May 19-20, 2022, the Medical Board of California (Board) adopted a Support position on AB 852, which would, among other provisions, provide modest exemptions to California's electronic prescribing requirements. The provisions of the bill related to nurse practitioners and pharmacies are beyond the Board's jurisdiction, therefore the Board's support of AB 852 is related to the provisions that pertain to electronic prescribing.

Our staff have received complaints from some licensees about the current electronic prescribing requirements, particularly from those who report they only write a low volume of prescriptions each year and that it has been cost prohibitive to incorporate these requirements into their practice.

AB 852 mitigates these concerns in a manner not expected to substantially erode the benefits of the broader requirements for electronic prescribing. If warranted, the Board would be able to seek documentation from its licensees to validate they qualify for the new exemptions created by the bill.

Please contact Aaron Bone, Chief of Legislation and Public Affairs, at (916) 274-6251 or via email at [Aaron.Bone@mbc.ca.gov](mailto:Aaron.Bone@mbc.ca.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Kayla Williams, Senate Republican Caucus