

Prescription Drug Affordability Board

BOARD BYLAWS UPDATES

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Board Staff



MARYLAND
Prescription Drug Affordability Board

Board Bylaws- Proposed Amendments

Article VII- Stakeholder Council

- **Add three additional stakeholder council members as specified in HB424/SB357 (2025 session).**
 - Speaker of the House of Delegates appoints: One representative of the rare disease community (vii)
 - President of the Senate appoints: One representative of oncologists (vi)
 - Governor appoints: One representative of a patient advocacy organization (ix)
- Bylaw amendments provide that the initial terms of the added members expire in 2029.



Staff Recommends Board amend bylaws as specified in redlined version, specifically by:

- In ARTICLE VII, section 1, deleting “26” and inserting “29”;
- In ARTICLE VII, section 2(a), deleting “and”; inserting “the rare disease community;” and renumbering remaining subsections as “(viii)” and “(ix)”;
- In ARTICLE VII, section 2(b), inserting “(vi) oncologists;” and renumbering remaining subsections as “(vii)” through “(ix)”;
- In ARTICLE VII, section 2(b), deleting “and”; inserting “(ix) one representative of a patient advocacy organization;(vi) oncologists;” and renumbering remaining subsection as “(x)”;
- In ARTICLE VII, section 3, deleting “.”, inserting “; and”, and inserting “(d) the term for the three members added during the 2025 legislative session expires in 2029.”



Staff Recommends Board amend bylaws as specified in redlined version, specifically by:

- Adding a new “ARTICLE XI ACTING CHAIR”, and renumbering the remaining article as “ARTICLE XII” AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS



Staff Recommends Board Adopt New Article XI- Acting Chair, as set forth in redlined version to read

- Section 1. In the event of the absence, disability, resignation, or death of the Board Chair, at the next regular or special meeting, the members of the Board may select, by majority vote, a member to assume the role of Acting Chair.
- Section 2. The Acting Chair shall possess the authority to preside over meetings, schedule and cancel meetings, to represent the Board before public bodies, execute documents as approved by the Board and perform other duties as assigned by the Board consistent with the Board's authority.
- Section 3. The Acting Chair shall serve until the Chair returns to active duty, or until the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate jointly appoint a new Board Chair to fill the unexpired term.



Staff Recommendations

- Board amend bylaws as set forth in this presentation and in the redlined version of the Bylaws provided to the Board.

