



March 23, 2022

*Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO*

The Honorable Bill Bush
411 Legislative Avenue
Dover, DE 19901

RE: Support for HB 279

Representative Bush,

*Nemours Children's
Health, Delaware
Mark Mumford,
Executive Vice President
Chief Executive,
Nemours Delaware
Valley Operations*

Thank you for introducing House Bill 279, relating to certification of central service technicians. The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) strongly supports this legislation.

*Bayhealth
Terry Murphy,
President & CEO*

Central service technicians, also known as sterile processing technicians, are an integral part of the hospital team. These technicians ensure that instruments and equipment used in medical and surgical procedures are properly cleaned, inspected, sterilized, stored and ready when needed. Central service technicians are crucial to our hospitals' safety and infection prevention efforts. HB 279 requires individuals who perform the tasks of a central service technician to pass a nationally accredited examination and to hold either a certified registered central service technician credential or certified sterile processing and distribution technician credential within 18 months of hire. Requiring certification of central service technicians will ensure these professionals are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their duties safely and effectively.

*Beebe Healthcare
David A. Tam,
MD, MBA,
President & CEO*

*ChristianaCare
Janice E. Nevin,
MD, MPH
President & CEO*

*TidalHealth Nanticoke
Penny Short, MSM, BSN,
RN
President & CEO*

DHA is pleased to support HB 279 and looks forward to working with you and the members of the General Assembly to advance this important legislation.

*Saint Francis Healthcare
James Woodward
Acting President*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wayne A. Smith'.

Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO

*Wilmington Veterans
Affairs Medical Center
Vincent Kane
Director*

*Delaware Healthcare
Association
Wayne A. Smith
President & CEO*

CC: Members of the House Health & Human Development Committee

DHA represents hospitals and health care delivery systems in Delaware and provides policy and advocacy leadership in creating an excellent environment to support our members in helping every Delawarean to be as healthy as they can be.