June 15, 2020

The Honorable Chris Holden
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: Support for AB 2983, Pharmacies: automatic refills

Dear Assembly Member Holden:

On behalf of the National Hispanic Medical Association (NHMA), a nonprofit representing over 50,000 physicians who are committed to improving the health of Hispanics and other underserved population, we strongly support AB 2983, Pharmacies: automatic refills.

AB 2983 would strengthen regulations around automatic refills for prescription medication. This bill is an important move, as it will help keep patients safer with auto refills and prescriptions, especially for those who are on many medications and can be confused by multiple prescriptions and dosages. It also reduces abuse of the automatic refill requests for controlled substances and to prevent pharmacies from requesting for an excess number of refills from the original prescription.

NHMA supports AB 2983 because it is a common-sense bill that ensures that the practice of automatic refills is not driven by economic incentive but rather on the well-being of the patient.

If you have any questions, please contact Ben Melano, Government Relations Officer, at bmelano@nhmamd.org or at (202) 628-5895.

Sincerely,

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