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Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Larry Hogan, Governor - Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor - Dennis R. Schrader, Secretary

January 27, 2017

The Honorable Thomas M. Middleton
Chair
Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Chair
Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Honorable Bobby A. Zirkin
Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
2 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SB 344, Chapter 342 of the Acts of 2015 - 2016 Implementation Report of the
Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program in Youth Camps

Dear Chair Middleton, Chair Zirkin, and Chair Pendergrass:

Chapter 342 of the Acts of 2015 (SB 344) establishes the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program (the Program) within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (the Department). The purpose of the Program is to provide a means of authorizing certain individuals to administer life-saving treatment to individuals who have severe adverse reactions to allergens or insect stings when physician services or emergency medical services are not immediately available in a youth camp. The enacted legislation further directs the Department to report on or before January 1, 2017 to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the implementation of the Program.

The Department did not receive any applications for emergency epinephrine certificates. Further, during the 2016 camp season, no incidents involving the administration of auto-injectable epinephrine related to the Program were reported to the Department. Regulations governing the operations of this program were adopted March 28, 2016. It is possible that uptake of this program will increase for the 2017 camp season as camps will have had more time to consider how to incorporate this program into their existing operations.

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and Allergy Treatment Program in Youth Camps

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If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Christi Megna, Assistant Director,
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Sincerely,



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Secretary

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