

December 21, 2011

Dr. Robert Marier
Executive Director
Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners
630 Camp Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

RE: Draft Report of the Legislative Workgroup on Electronic Prescribing

Dear Dr. Marier:

Thank you for the time and effort you and Mr. Broussard have put forth in drafting the report for the Legislative Workgroup on Electronic Prescribing. I strongly believe that the amount of time given by the legislature to accomplish the requirements set forth in the resolution was wholly inadequate. Because of this short timeframe with which to study and develop recommendations, any report which is submitted to the legislature with the inclusion of specific recommendations is a disservice to the legislature. The issues that surround E-Prescribing are numerous and complex. E-Prescribing is clearly the future and ensuring a sound and robust framework and protocol is imperative. Adopting specific recommendations without adequate input from all stakeholders could very likely be detrimental to future efforts by the state. This is especially true if policy decisions are based upon recommendations which have not been properly vetted and agreed upon by all interested parties. The timeline required by the legislature simply did not allow for proper due diligence regarding this issue to be achieved.

I do not envy the position that you and Mr. Broussard find yourselves in, having to balance the desire for adequate input of the workgroup while trying to comply with the timeline and directives of the resolution. However, I would feel a much greater degree of comfort if the report noted to the legislature that more time is needed to adequately study and develop sound recommendations regarding this issue, as opposed to including recommendations which I feel have not been properly vetted or discussed by the workgroup simply for the sake of complying with the directive of the resolution.

In the event you feel it is necessary to retain the specific recommendations which are currently included in the report, I will not be able to provide my support to the report based upon my concerns outlined above. Accordingly, as the LSMS representative, I would respectfully request that my opposition be duly noted in the report.

I have enjoyed working with you and the other member of this workgroup and sincerely hope that more time may be garnered such that sound recommendations may be advanced.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Hosea", written over a large, sweeping, horizontal stroke that tapers at both ends.

Dr. Stephen Hosea
LSMS Representative