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Photo Caption

Sen. Moore celebrates passage of Collaborative Drug Therapy Management Bill
Governor Patrick offers signature in ceremonial signing

BOSTON – Today, Sen. Richard T. Moore, D-Uxbridge, joined Governor Deval L. Patrick and members of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences in ceremonially signing into law the “Collaborative Drug Therapy Management Bill.” The legislation, which was authored by Moore, allows pharmacists to engage in collaborative drug therapy management under the supervision and auspices of a doctor.

“This is yet another example of continued advancements in patient safety and reductions in medical errors,” said Sen. Moore, who is also Senate Chairman of the Health Care Financing Committee. “I applaud my colleagues in the Legislature for approving the collaborative drug therapy management bill, as it will seriously address many of our concerns in patient safety and cost containment. This day is a truly special occasion, and I am grateful for the Governor signing this bill into law.”

CDTM includes giving a pharmacist authority to implement, modify and monitor a patient’s medications. Additionally, a pharmacist will be able to order and perform laboratory tests and provide counseling and education to patients about their medications, and will also allow them to administer all immunizations to adults (18 years or older).

The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, which has been a strong proponent of collaborative drug therapy and Sen. Moore’s bill, praised its passage. “We are delighted that the bill has been enacted. The Legislature and Sen. Moore have recognized the tremendous value of pharmacists as a critical member of the health care team,” said Dennis Lyons, Vice President for Alumni and Professional Affairs at The Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, “Passage of this legislation will provide greater safeguards and enhance patient care through collaboration between a patient’s physician and their pharmacist,” he concluded.

43 states currently allow the practice of collaborative drug therapy management, and have benefitted from increased patient safety and health, as well as reductions in medication errors and general health care costs. Many patients enrolled in CDTM
programs across the country have also been noted as requiring fewer emergency room
visits, and have improved in general health.

For more information on Sen. Moore’s work in the Legislature, please visit

Koutoujian, D-Waltham, and members of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and
Health Sciences, as Governor Deval L. Patrick ceremoniously signs into law the
Collaborative Drug Therapy Management bill. Sen. Moore was the author and lead
sponsor of the bill which allows pharmacists to collaborate with physicians in
administering patient’s medications.

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