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The Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition

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TO: The Honorable Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Members, Senate Finance Committee
The Honorable Steven S. Hershey, Jr.

FROM: Judith Gallant, LCSW-C, Chair, Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition

DATE: February 19, 2020

RE: **SUPPORT** – Senate Bill 502 – *Health Insurance – Telehealth – Delivery of Mental Health Services – Coverage for Home Settings*

The Maryland Clinical Social Work Coalition (MdCSWC), sponsored by the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work, represents the interests of more than 9,500 licensed clinical social workers in Maryland. On behalf of MdCSWC, we **support** Senate Bill 502.

Senate Bill 502 expands access to mental health services by requiring Medicaid and private insurance to provide coverage for mental health services appropriately delivered through telehealth to a patient in the patient's home setting. There remain significant challenges to assuring access to mental health services, especially in rural areas. Senate Bill 502 will allow more individuals to receive necessary services, especially those who have transportation issues or difficulty leaving home. MdCSWC urges a favorable vote.

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