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RE: SB 634 & HB 1530 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Provision of School Psychology Services: SUPPORT

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Dear Chairs Kelley and Pendergrass,

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The Maryland Psychological Association represents over 1,000 doctoral level psychologists throughout the state. We support SB 634 and HB 1530, which would enable certain mental health services provided by certified school psychologists to be reimbursed by Medicaid to the Maryland public school system which employs them.

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These services are provided to some of our most needy and underserved students, Medicaid-eligible students with disabilities, and this bill will enable local school systems to provide better access to needed mental health services for these students. As an access-to-care measure, this bill has the potential to provide substantially increased revenues to local school systems, enabling them to support and expand needed mental health services for children with disabilities.

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Thank you for considering our comments on SB 634/HB 1530. If we can be of any further assistance as the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee consider these bills, please do not hesitate to contact the MPA Executive Director, Stefanie Reeves, MA, CAE at 410-992-4258 or exec@marylandpsychology.org.

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