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Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair  
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Health and Government Operations Committee  
Room 241  
House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: HB 322 Public Health– Home– and Community-Based Services for Children and youth**

Position: **Support**

Dear Madam Chair, Madam Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Psychological Association represents over 1000 doctoral level psychologists throughout the state. We write in **support of HB 322**, which would require the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for certain wraparound, intensive in-home, and case management services. It would also require the Governor to include, in the annual budget bill, certain appropriations to fund certain behavioral health services and supports. Wraparound, intensive in-home services, and case management services are vital and effective interventions for children and youth. Moreover, these services are offered in-home and other more easily accessible locations that truly meet the clients where they are, and the positive effects of that type of outreach cannot be underestimated in the value it provides to the treatment process and success.

For the reasons noted above the Maryland Psychological Association asks for a **FAVORABLE** report on **HB 322**.

Thank you for considering our comments on **HB 322**. If we can be of any further assistance as the Health and Government Operations Committee considers this bill, please do not hesitate to contact MPA's Legislative Chair, Dr. Pat Savage at [mpalegislativcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:mpalegislativcommittee@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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