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January 23, 2024

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and Members of the Committee:

RE: SB 227 – Health Insurance – Cancellation of Individual Health Benefit Plans – Restriction

Position: SUPPORT

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

The Maryland Psychological Association, (MPA), which represents over 1,000 doctoral level psychologists throughout the state, asks the Senate Finance Committee to **FAVORABLY report on SB 227.**

The MPA recognizes the Committee's leadership with regard to clarifying the definition of Emergency Medical Condition to ensure that mental health and substance use disorders are included in the definition and benefit from consistency between federal and Maryland state insurance law. The MPA further appreciates the Committee's leadership in ensuring that Emergency Medical Conditions are not excluded from coverage because of bias and arbitrary and unfair requirements that do not apply to medical conditions.

Thank you for considering our comments on SB 227. If we can be of any further assistance as the Senate Finance Committee considers this bill, please do not hesitate to contact MPA's Legislative Chair, Dr. Stephanie Wolf, JD, Ph.D. at mpalegislativcommittee@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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