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Committee:	House Health and Government Operations Committee
Bill Number:	House Bill 1043 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities - Study
Hearing Date:	February 22, 2024
Position:	Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *House Bill 1043 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities - Study*. The bill requires the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) jointly to conduct a study of Maryland Medical Assistance Program and commercial health insurance coverage to measure the number and percentage of individuals who have been denied health coverage for the treatment of an intellectual disability from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025, both inclusive and requires MDH and MIA jointly report their by December 1, 2025.

Occupational therapy support access to appropriate healthcare for individuals with intellectual disabilities to live fulfilling and independent lives. This study can help identify gaps in the insurance system and work towards improving healthcare access for this population. This study can also shed light on any disparities in coverage between different insurance providers or programs. By identifying these gaps, we can work towards implementing necessary changes to ensure that individuals with intellectual disabilities receive the healthcare they need and deserve. Occupational therapists play a crucial role in advocating for their clients, and supporting this study is an important step in ensuring that individuals with intellectual disabilities receive the support and services they require.

We as for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact Michael Paddy at mpaddy@policypartners.net.