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HB 601 – Provider Panels- Registered Psychology Associates

Dear Colleagues,

Last year we brought HB 829 before your committee. We asked you to change the law to require insurance carriers to credential licensed graduates. The committee decided passed the bill with a favorable report. Unfortunately, there was an oversight and we did not include registered psychology associates.

Many providers, especially those who do not turn away patients for their ability to pay, still have long waiting lists because many community-based health service providers do not have enough certified social workers. Many providers in the industry believe that their patients are better served by registered psychology associates as opposed to waiting on a list.

For this reason we respectfully request a favorable report on HB 601.

Thank you,

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