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The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass
Health and Government Operations Committee
House Office Building Room 240
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 1041 – Support

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Members of the Committee:

Kaiser Permanente is pleased to support HB 1041, “Health Occupations Boards – Uniform Reporting.”

Kaiser Permanente is the largest private integrated health care delivery system in the United States, delivering health care to over 12 million members in eight states and the District of Columbia.¹ Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States, which operates in Maryland, provides and coordinates complete health care services for approximately 775,000 members. In Maryland, we deliver care to over 450,000 members.

This legislation requires each health occupations board to request certain information from each applicant or health care practitioner before initially issuing or subsequently renewing or reinstating a license, certificate, or registration to practice a health profession.

Kaiser Permanente has worked closely with the MIA and other stakeholders since 2016 to develop and comply with standards for network adequacy. This information will assist carriers in closing network gaps by helping them identify additional providers that could contract with the carrier and will assist the MIA in assessing the extent to which current network gaps may be caused by provider shortages. Kaiser Permanente is strongly committed to providing an adequate network and supports any effort that can help facilitate that.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact Allison Taylor at Allison.W.Taylor@kp.org or (202) 924-7496 with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allison Taylor".

Allison Taylor
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¹ Kaiser Permanente comprises Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., the nation’s largest not-for-profit health plan, and its health plan subsidiaries outside California and Hawaii; the not-for-profit Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, which operates 39 hospitals and over 650 other clinical facilities; and the Permanente Medical Groups, self-governed physician group practices that exclusively contract with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and its health plan subsidiaries to meet the health needs of Kaiser Permanente’s members.