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Testimony in support of House Bill 123

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telehealth Preservation Act Assigned to Health and Government Operations

Honorable chairperson members of the committee the Arc Maryland the largest grassroots advocacy organization for individuals with intellectual/and or developmental disabilities supports the provisions within house bill 123 we hold the view that access to healthcare is a fundamental right for all citizens regardless of where one is located within the state or ones economic background. Allowing more people to be served through telehealth helps address some of the health disparities for people with disabilities when it comes to accessing quality healthcare; individuals and families may be limited by their ability to have reasonable access to transportation;. Someone may need physical or other assistance, when accessing a doctor's office this barrier can be eliminated through the use of telehealth when it is appropriate. Furthermore allowing providers of these services to Bill just as they would if a person were physically present incentivizes the use of telehealth.

To recap this legislation helps eliminate access barriers to healthcare, incentivizes doctors to practice telehealth encourages those with mobility issues to see the doctor and makes Maryland's healthcare system more dynamic and flexible for its citizenry for those reasons we we ask for a favorable report.

Should you have any questions please contact

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