



**Committee:** Senate Finance Committee

**Bill Number:** House Bill 1082 - Public Health - Consumer Health Information - Hub and Requirements

**Hearing Date:** March 31, 2022

**Position:** Support

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The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports *House Bill 1082 – Public Health -Consumer Health Information – Hub and Requirements*. The bill would establish a state-designated Consumer Information Hub at the University of Maryland and provide \$350,000 in annual state funding.

LCPCM supports this bill because consumers often delay or forgo behavioral health services because of difficulty in navigating Maryland’s behavioral health system. Consumer-friendly information about insurance coverage, particularly for out-of-network benefits, would support consumers, as well as the providers trying to assist them. The bill would create a one-stop-shop for any State agency, local agency, or Maryland organization seeking support for creating consumer-friendly educational materials.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Scott Tiffin at [stiffin@policypartners.net](mailto:stiffin@policypartners.net).