

Committee: House Ways and Means Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 845

Title: Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Income of Health Care Workers

Hearing Date: February 23, 2022

Position: Support

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports *House Bill* 845 – Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Income of Health Care Workers.

This bill creates a three-year tax subtraction for health care workers, including behavioral health providers. Throughout the pandemic, there has been a significant increase in demand for behavioral health providers and many providers are feeling burnt out. Many behavioral health providers are also struggling with significant student loan debt. This bill helps compensate providers for the important work they have done over that last two years and help pay outstanding student loan debt.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Scott Tiffin at <a href="mailto:stiffin@policypartners.net">stiffin@policypartners.net</a>.