



SB581 – Behavioral Health Care Coordination Value –Based Purchasing Pilot
Position: Supportt

Testimony of Maryland Centers for Independent Living

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The Maryland Centers for Independent Living are in support of SB581. SB581 Will create a pilot program for value-based purchasing within the Behavioral Health system in Maryland. A Value Based Purchasing model of care incentivizes quality health outcomes. The value-based purchasing pilot will provide flexibility to providers to provide an appropriate level of care as well as help to manage social determinants of health, such as housing, access to food, employment, etc. that affect an individual’s mental health and wellness. Additionally, the pilot creates incentives for providers to reduce hospitalizations and Emergency Department utilization which are currently at crisis levels. The Maryland Centers for

The seven Centers for Independent Living (CIL) were established by federal law and work to ensure the civil rights and quality services of people with disabilities in Maryland. Centers for Independent Living are nonprofit disability resource and advocacy organizations located throughout Maryland operated by and for people with disabilities. CIL staff and Boards are at least 51% people with disabilities. We are part of a nationwide network which provides Information and Referral, Advocacy, Peer Support, Independent Living Skills training, and Transition Services.

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