



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 255 – Public Health – Home and Community Based Services for Children and Youth

Hearing Date: March 28, 2023

Position: Favorable

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports *Senate Bill 255 – Public Health – Home and Community-Based Services for Children and Youth*. The bill requires Medicaid to cover certain wrap-around in in-home services for children served under the 1915(i) waiver. The bill also creates 100 slots for children who are not eligible for the 1915(i) waiver but who are at risk for out-of-home placement.

LCPCM supports this bill because additional supports will improve the health outcomes of children with complex behavioral health needs. Maryland saw these successes when first implementing a demonstration project. The bill proposed to continue the program with modifications recommended by the behavioral health community.

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