

## Maryland Retired School Personnel Association

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## House Bill 869

## **In Support Of**

Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025
Health and Government Operations Committee
Hearing February 13, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

Dear Honorable Delegate Pena-Melnyk, Chair, Delegate Cullison, Vice-Chair, and Committee members,

The Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) supports HB 869 Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2025.

Our MRSPA Legislative Priorities include legislation that allows services that help seniors age in place and remain healthy, active, and independent. This legislation would allow Marylanders continued access to telehealth services and require insurance companies to reimburse physicians and medical facilities for the approved telehealth services.

MRSPA believes that access to telehealth service is critical to seniors and other vulnerable adults who may not be able to attend in-person medical appointments for a variety of reasons. Quality and improved health care access ensures a better life, not just for seniors, but for all Marylanders.

HB 869 removes the limitation on the period during which Marylanders can use telehealth services as a health care delivery option. Coverage and reimbursement of such health care services have proven their value to Maryland citizens.

On behalf of the over 12,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we strongly urge a favorable report on HB 869.

Sincerely,

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