



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 345 – Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact

Hearing Date: January 23, 2025

Position: Support

The Coordinating Center supports *House Bill 345 – Interstate Social Work Licensure Compact* because it supports continuity of care for our clients. The bill would allow licensed clinical social workers (LCSWs) in Maryland to provide services to clients in other compact states without obtaining a separate license. This legislation has been enacted in 20 states, including our neighboring state of Virginia.

Our organization provides care coordination services to nearly 10,000 Marylanders annually to individuals enrolled Maryland Medicaid programs, including home and community-based service waivers and other programs such as the Rare and Expensive Case Management (REM) program. We serve a significant number of individuals living with complex medical needs, and as such our clients sometimes need to be hospitalized out-of-state for specialty care. If Maryland participated in the Social Work Licensure Compact, our LCSWs would be able to coordinate care for clients as the travel for any reason, including medical care, without fear of licensure repercussions. The Compact would support The Coordinating Center and other providers in ensuring the continuity of care for our clients.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information that is helpful, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.