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The Hon. Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk, Chair Health and Government Operations Committee Maryland General Assembly 241 Taylor House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401 The Hon. Bonnie Cullison, Vice Chair Health and Government Operations Committee Maryland General Assembly 241 Taylor House Office Building 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Pyramid Healthcare Testimony In Favor of House Bill 396 – An Act Concerning the "Prince George's County - Substance Abuse Early Intervention and Detoxification Services Fund - Establishment PG 407-25"

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullison, and distinguished members of the Committee:

The Pyramid Healthcare, Inc. ("Pyramid Healthcare") family of companies is providing testimony below in support of House Bill 396, establishing "the Substance Abuse Early Intervention and Detoxification Services Fund" to provide treatment and rehabilitation to students expelled from school in Prince George's County.

Pyramid Healthcare is an integrated behavioral healthcare system serving Medicaid and commercial clients in 8 states across a continuum of residential and outpatient substance use disorder ("SUD"), mental health, autism, and eating disorder treatment services. We employ over 3,600 team members across our 80+ active facilities which treat approximately 12,000 clients on any given day.

In Maryland, we operate five locations serving over 2,000 residents per year: a withdrawal management & residential treatment center and an outpatient treatment center in California, a withdrawal management & residential treatment center in Charlotte Hall, and a withdrawal management & residential treatment center in Joppa. In January 2025, our new Prince George's County facility began treating clients. That facility will ultimately offer approximately 75 withdrawal management & residential SUD treatment beds for adult residents of Prince George's County and throughout central Maryland. In total, we have over 200 licensed SUD residential treatment beds for adult Medicaid clients across the state.

While in Maryland, Pyramid Healthcare only currently treats adults with mental health and substance use disorder treatment needs, we serve thousands of adolescents every day across our footprint. We are champions of timely and effective treatment to ensure adolescents and adults are given the tools needed to ensure long-term recovery. For students expelled from Prince George's County schools for the misuse of drugs and alcohol, timely intervention to treat their addiction is essential to helping them get their lives back and to thrive in the community. To accomplish this, timely access to care regardless of the ability to pay is essential. We support the establishment of this Fund in order to accomplish these goals.

Please consider this feedback and approve the bill. Thank you for your support of substance use disorder and mental health treatment providers in Maryland and for considering my requests on behalf of Pyramid Healthcare. If we can provide any additional information or materials, please contact me at 667-270-1582 or crosier@pyramidhc.com. In addition, we invite you or a member of the staff to reach out and schedule a visit to our Prince George's County facility sometime soon to learn more about our programs and services.

Sincerely,

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Vice President of Government Relations

CC: Members, House Health and Government Operations Committee Michelle Firmin, Assistant to the Chair