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March 5, 2025

The Honorable Joseline A. Peña-Melnyk
Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee
240 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: House Bill 1053 - Developmental Disabilities Administration - Self-Directed Services - Parent Providers - Letter of Information

Dear Chair Peña-Melnyk and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (“Department”) respectfully submits this letter of information for House Bill (HB) 1053 - Developmental Disabilities Administration - Self-Directed Services - Parent Providers. HB 1053 would add the word “parent” to the group of individuals allowed to provide services within the Self-Directed Services delivery model, alongside existing text allowing a “family member” or “legal guardian” to provide services.

The Department wishes to provide the Committee with clarifying information regarding its practices related to Self-Directed Services. The three Medicaid 1915(c) home and community-based services waiver programs operated by the Developmental Disabilities Administration (Community Pathways, Community Supports, and Family Supports) include parents within the definition of “relatives.” Within these programs, relatives, including parents, are generally allowed to provide services, subject to certain restrictions. As a result, the Developmental Disabilities Administration does not anticipate changes to its existing federally-approved waiver programs or policies as a result of HB 1053, should it become law.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs, at sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ryan B. Moran".

Ryan Moran, Dr. P.H., MHSA
Acting Secretary