



Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 1244 – Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council - Establishment

Hearing Date: March 5, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *House Bill 1244 – Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council - Establishment*. The bill creates the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration Waiver Advisory Council to advise and provide recommendations to the Developmental Disabilities Administration on system design, service delivery, and quality enhancement strategies for the Medicaid waiver programs.

The Maryland Medicaid waivers are instrumental in allowing people to access services within the community as an alternative to receiving them in an institution. Occupational therapists regularly see patients through these waiver programs, allowing people with a variety of conditions, including developmental disabilities, brain injuries, and physical disabilities to take advantage of all the benefits that occupational therapy has to offer, such as participating in daily activities and living independently. The Council created by this bill will ensure that the Maryland Medicaid waiver programs are available and accessible to all who qualify.

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