



HB 1483

Clinical Professional Counseling and Social Work - Out-of-State Providers - Use of Telehealth for Continuity of Care

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Metro Marriage and Family Therapists, professional association for Marriage and Family therapists in Maryland support HB 1483 Out of State Providers Use of Telehealth for Continuity of Care. We believe the established therapeutic relationship between client(s) and their provider is important to maintain client's emotional stability, especially at transitions in life such as a move across states or jurisdictions. We see that potential risks are mitigated by referral to the provider's licensed jurisdiction. We support this bill with amendments as follows:

The Telehealth provider is licensed in good standing in another state or jurisdiction should be required to notify the relevant Maryland Board (Social work or Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists) that they are providing temporary telehealth in Maryland, including their

1. state the provider is licensed in, license number and active status, expiration date
 2. date and geographic location the client relationship was initiated
 3. start and end dates of the 6 month period for temporary telehealth
- The therapist should be required to notify the client of the 6 month temporary telehealth timeframe in writing so that the client is aware they need to find a provider in Maryland before the expiration of the 6 month period.

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