



Maryland Community Health System

Committee:	Senate Finance Committee
Bill:	Senate Bill 910 - Health Insurance - Graduate-Level Clinical Interns - Required Reimbursement
Hearing Date:	March 4, 2026
Position:	Support with Amendment

The Maryland Community Health System supports *Senate Bill 910 - Health Insurance - Graduate Level Clinical Interns - Required Reimbursement*. The legislation clarifies that insurers cover services provided by graduate students in behavioral health clinical education programs if they are being supervised by a licensed provider.

MCHS is a network of federally qualified health centers providing somatic, behavioral health, and dental care to underserved communities across Maryland. Federally qualified health centers also play an important role in supporting the clinical training of students in multiple disciplines including in the behavioral health field. We support this legislation because it recognized that clinical services provided by supervised students should be reimbursable by insurance, otherwise clinical training programs are not sustainable.

We would ask for two clarifying amendments to: 1) Make it clear that federally qualified health centers are included in the definition of outpatient facilities in the bill; and 2) Recognize marriage and family therapy graduate students, just as the bill already recognizes clinical social work, professional counseling, and psychology graduate students.

Thank you for consideration of our testimony. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Michael Paddy at mpaddy@policypartners.net.

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Proposed Amendments to SB 910

Amendment 1 -

Page 2, line 17, after "FACILITY" add "INCLUDING FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS."

Page 3, line 15, after "FACILITY" add "INCLUDING FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS."

Page 4, line 14, after "FACILITY" add "INCLUDING FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS."

Amendment2 -

Page 2, after line 24 add:

(D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IF A POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION PROVIDES FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF A SERVICE THAT IS WITHIN THE LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE OF A LICENSED GRADUATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST, THE INSURED OR ANY OTHER PERSON COVERED BY THE POLICY, CONTRACT, OR CERTIFICATE IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY A GRADUATE-LEVEL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST CLINICAL INTERN.

(2) THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE REIMBURSABLE IF THE SERVICES ARE:

(I) PROVIDED AT AN OUTPATIENT HEALTH CARE FACILITY INCLUDING FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS;

(II) PROVIDED BY A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST CLINICAL INTERN WHO IS:

1. ENROLLED IN A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST GRADUATE PROGRAM; AND

2. PROVIDING THE SERVICES UNDER THE DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A LICENSED CLINICAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST; AND

(III) BILLED BY THE SUPERVISING LICENSED CLINICAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST.