



**Senate Finance Committee  
March 31, 2026**

**House Bill 772 - Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization -  
Workgroup Establishment and Study  
Support**

NCADD-Maryland supports House Bill 772 as amended in the House. The intent of the bill is to build into the rate-setting methodology, greater collaboration with providers and greater accountability with the State.

Consultants who are conducting the study need to have their work informed by the people who are responsible for running behavioral health programs. Meaningful participation means working collaboratively to not just identify what looks like a good policy, but making sure it is implementable.

We also believe that to produce recommendations that we all can be confident in, a state organization that is independent from the funding function should be in the lead. With the Maryland Health Care Commission overseeing this substantial project, we believe the product will be seen as more objective.

Finally, the original mandate for this rate-setting study was created in 2017 and was intended to be inclusive of all levels of substance use and mental health care. We strongly support the amendments that broaden the study to all levels of substance use disorder and mental health care.

We therefore urge a favorable report on House Bill 772.