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Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair  
Senator Antonio Hayes, Vice Chair  
Senate Finance Committee  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: SB 910 – Health Insurance – Graduate-Level Clinical Interns- Required Reimbursement**

**Position: SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Psychological Association, (MPA), which represents over 1,000 doctoral level psychologists throughout the state, asks the Senate Finance Committee to **report favorably on SB 910**.

Senate Bill 910 addresses a critical workforce and access-to-care issue in Maryland by ensuring reimbursement for services provided by graduate-level counseling, social work, and psychology clinical interns when those services are delivered within outpatient settings and under the direct supervision of licensed professionals. At a time when Maryland faces significant shortages of behavioral health providers, this legislation removes unnecessary barriers that limit patient access to timely, appropriate care.

The graduate-level clinical interns covered by SB 910 are not unsupervised trainees; they are enrolled in accredited graduate programs and provide services only under the direct supervision of fully licensed professionals who remain responsible for the quality and appropriateness of care. Services are billed by the supervising licensed provider, ensuring clinical accountability, adherence to professional standards, and continuity of care. These interns are already delivering lawful, evidence-based services within their scope of training, and their work is an essential component of the behavioral health care delivery system.

By requiring reimbursement for these supervised services, SB 910 supports patients, providers, and the broader health care system. Patients benefit from expanded access and reduced wait times, particularly in underserved communities. Supervising clinicians and outpatient facilities gain the ability to sustain training programs that are essential to developing Maryland's future workforce. SB 910 reflects a balanced, responsible approach that recognizes the rigorous training and supervision of graduate-level clinical interns while promoting access, affordability, and continuity of behavioral health care across the state.

For these reasons, the Maryland Psychological Association respectfully urges the Senate Finance Committee to provide **a favorable report on SB 910**. If we can provide any additional information or be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Chair of MPA's Legislative Committee, Dr. Stephanie Olarte, at [mpalegislativcommittee@gmail.com](mailto:mpalegislativcommittee@gmail.com).

Respectfully submitted,

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