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Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: HB 1483 – Clinical Professional Counseling – Out-of-State Providers – Use of Telehealth for Continuity of Care

Hearing Date: March 31, 2026

Position: Support

The Maryland Counseling Association supports HB 1483 – Clinical Professional Counseling – Out-of-State Providers – Use of Telehealth for Continuity of Care. This bill addresses continuity of care by allowing a fully licensed mental health provider, in good standing in another state, to provide temporary telehealth services to an established client when that client is physically located outside the provider’s home state.

HB 1483 is a narrow, clinically necessary, and well-balanced policy. It does not expand long-term practice in Maryland; rather, it protects continuity of care for clients during periods of transition, when interruption of treatment can create significant clinical risk.

Neighboring jurisdictions, including Virginia and Washington, D.C., recognize the importance of continuity of care so that treatment follows the client rather than being interrupted by state borders. HB 1483 would position Maryland as a state that supports clinically appropriate continuity-of-care standards, particularly for clients who may be in crisis.

For these reasons, the Maryland Counseling Association respectfully requests a FAVORABLE report for HB 1483

Thank you for your kind consideration. Please contact Dr. Marybeth Heather at 443-499-4047 or via email at [marybethaheather@gmail.com](mailto:marybethaheather@gmail.com).

Sincerely,

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