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The Honorable Pamela Beidle
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chair Beidle and Members of the Committees:

For All Seasons writes in **support** of **Senate Bill 910/House Bill 1094 – Health Insurance - Graduate-Level Clinical Interns - Required Reimbursement.**

This legislation allows services rendered by graduate-level counseling, social work, and psychology clinical interns to be reimbursable under the following circumstances:

- The services are provided at an outpatient health care facility;
- The services are provided by a counseling clinical intern who is enrolled in a counseling graduate program; and
- The services are provided under the direct supervision of a licensed clinical professional counselor.

For All Seasons is a licensed behavioral health and rape crisis center that has served the State of Maryland for nearly 40 years. We provide the highest quality mental health and victim services to children, adults, and families across Maryland's Eastern Shore and beyond. Our services include therapy, psychiatry, victim advocacy, 24-hour crisis hotlines, outreach, and community education. Our unique model of care ensures that anyone can receive expert mental health care when they need it - regardless of language or ability to pay. Last year alone, we impacted thousands of lives on the Eastern Shore and across the state, delivering over 50,000 critical services.

Under current Maryland law, Masters-level behavioral health interns may only provide billable clinical services to Medicaid-insured clients under the supervision of a licensed provider within an Outpatient Mental Health Clinic (OMHC) setting.

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If a client loses Medicaid coverage or transitions to a private/commercial insurance plan, that client can no longer continue services with the intern, despite continuity of care being clinically recommended. This creates a disruption in therapeutic continuity for clients, reduces clinical training opportunities for future mental health professionals, and limits access to care for Marylanders.

In addition to reducing treatment disruption and improving client outcomes, passage of this legislation would expand access to care which is critical in the Rural Maryland communities we serve. It would also increase training capacity and readiness for future clinicians and help ensure that all clients, regardless of insurance type, can receive high quality, supervised mental health care.

For these reasons, For All Seasons respectfully urges a **FAVORABLE** report on **Senate Bill 910/House Bill1094**.

Respectfully submitted,

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President/CEO