



Committee: House Health Committee

Bill: HB 995 Health Occupations – Behavioral Health Care Providers – Use of Artificial Intelligence

Hearing Date: February 25, 2026

Position: **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT**

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) **SUPPORT** HB 995 Health Occupations – Behavioral Health Care Providers – Use of Artificial Intelligence **WITH AMENDMENTS**. This bill would prevent LCPCs and other health care providers use of AI, except in specific circumstances.

Generally speaking, HB 995 strongly protects patients, professional boundaries, and clinician autonomy. However, it places heavy compliance and liability burdens on clinicians, may unintentionally increase burnout, and risks freezing low-risk, beneficial innovation.

To address these matters LCPCM has shared several amendments with the other advocates on this bill. The amendments would clarify and narrow the definition of “Therapeutic Communication”, create a “Clinical Support Tool” Safe Harbor for non-decision-making use, scale informed consent to risk level, replace individual BAAs with practice-level or vendor-level compliance, add a good-faith compliance safe harbor, clarify “Independent Review” to avoid unrealistic standards, and allow board-issued guidance and evolving standards.

It is LCPCM’s understanding amendments are currently being worked on to address some of these matters and restructure the bill. LCPCM intends to continue working with the sponsor and other advocates on amendments to attempt to resolve all matters.