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The Hon. Heather Bagnall, Chair  
House Health Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
241 Taylor House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

The Hon. Bonnie Cullison, Vice Chair  
House Health Committee  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**RE: Pyramid Healthcare Testimony In Favor of House Bill 448 – An Act Concerning “ Health Facilities - Certified Recovery Residences - Unannounced Inspections”**

Dear Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the Committee:

The Pyramid Healthcare, Inc. (“Pyramid Healthcare”) family of companies urges the Committee to favorably report HB 448, which would require the Maryland Department of Health (“MDH”) to conduct unannounced, on-site inspections of certified recovery residences prior to any recertification being granted.

The Pyramid Healthcare family of companies is an integrated behavioral healthcare system serving Medicaid and commercial clients in nine (9) states across a continuum of residential and outpatient substance use disorder (“SUD”), mental health, autism, and eating disorder treatment services. We employ over 3,600 team members across our 80+ active facilities caring for over 14,000 unique commercial and Medicaid patients every day throughout our locations. With over 2,100 active beds throughout our system, we are one of the largest adult Medicaid residential SUD treatment providers in the country.

In Maryland, we operate five locations serving over 2,000 residents per year: a withdrawal management & residential treatment center and an outpatient treatment center in California; a withdrawal management & residential treatment center in Charlotte Hall; a withdrawal management & residential treatment center in Joppa; and a withdrawal management & residential treatment center in Bowie. In total, we have almost 275 licensed SUD residential treatment beds for adult Medicaid clients across the state. We also have two facilities in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia which are able to serve Maryland Medicaid clients in western Maryland.

Safe and supportive recovery housing plays a critical role in Maryland’s SUD continuum of care and is often the bridge between treatment and long-term stability. For many individuals, a safe and accountable recovery residence is not just optional – it is a lifeline that helps sustain recovery, prevent relapses, and reduce the risk of overdose, homelessness, and avoidable crisis. Treatment providers have a responsibility to support and strengthen the recovery housing system. Individuals leaving structured treatment must have access to recovery residences that are consistently compliant, safe, and operating with integrity. HB 448 strengthens accountability and protects residents by ensuring certified recovery residences meet statutory and regulatory requirements—not only during scheduled visits.

We strongly support HB448 as a practical and necessary step to improve quality, safety, and transparency across the recovery housing system. For these reasons, we request the Committee to favorably report HB 448 to the full House for further action.

Thank you for your support of behavioral health providers – including those in both substance use disorder and mental health – in Maryland and for considering our policy proposals and recommendations on behalf of Pyramid Healthcare. If we can provide any additional information or materials, please contact me at [rosier@pyramidhc.com](mailto:rosier@pyramidhc.com) or 667-270-1582. In addition, we invite you or a member of the Committee or staff to reach out and schedule a visit to one of our Maryland locations sometime soon to learn more about our programs and services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Collan B. Rosier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Collan B. Rosier  
Vice President of Government Relations

**CC: Members, House Health Committee**  
**Alicia Altamirano, Assistant to the Chair**