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The Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass  
Health and Government Operations Committee  
House Office Building Room 240  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 455 – Support

Dear Chair Pendergrass and Members of the Committee:

Kaiser Permanente is providing the following information for HB 455, Health Insurance - Coverage for Mental Health Benefits and Substance Use Disorder Benefits - Treatment Criteria.

Kaiser Permanente is the largest private integrated health care delivery system in the United States, delivering health care to over 12 million members in eight states and the District of Columbia.<sup>1</sup> Kaiser Permanente of the Mid-Atlantic States, which operates in Maryland, provides and coordinates complete health care services for approximately 755,000 members. In Maryland, we deliver care to over 430,000 members.

KP and other stakeholders have been working collaboratively toward a solution for SB 334. That work is ongoing, and we appreciate the leadership of the bill sponsors and the opportunity to engage on this important issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please feel free to contact Wayne Wilson at [Wayne.D.Wilson@kp.org](mailto:Wayne.D.Wilson@kp.org) or (301) 816-5991 with questions.

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> Kaiser Permanente comprises Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., the nation's largest not-for-profit health plan, and its health plan subsidiaries outside California and Hawaii; the not-for-profit Kaiser Foundation Hospitals, which operates 39 hospitals and over 650 other clinical facilities; and the Permanente Medical Groups, self-governed physician group practices that exclusively contract with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan and its health plan subsidiaries to meet the health needs of Kaiser Permanente's members.