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Senate Finance Committee
SB 96: Public Health – Behavioral Health Programs and Health Care Facilities – Safety and Community Relations Plans
Position: Support With Amendment

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The Maryland Association of Community Services (MACS) is a non-profit association of over 100 agencies across Maryland serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). MACS members provide residential, day and supported employment services to thousands of Marylanders, so that they can live, work and fully participate in their communities.

Health and safety is central to the core mission of enabling people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) to live meaningful, inclusive lives in their communities. DDA-licensed community service providers are highly regulated with regard to health, safety and emergency protocols as part of the regular licensing process, including a requirement under *COMAR 10.22.02.10(A)(17)* that requires IDD providers to have an effective disaster plan in place.

We respectfully request amendment language for the proposed section 19-1C.01.22 on page 3 of the bill that clarifies that the disaster plan already required of DDA licensed providers will satisfy the requirements of the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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