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Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk, Chair
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Health and Government Operations Committee
Room 241, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1272 - Maryland Insurance Commissioner Enforcement - Specialty Mental Health Services and Payment of Claims - Sunset Extension

Position: **Support**

Dear Chair, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Psychological Association, (MPA), which represents over 1,000 doctoral level psychologists throughout the state, asks the House Health and Government Operations Committee to **FAVORABLY report on HB 1272**. HB 1272 extends the sunset for the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to determine the payment of claims submitted to Medicaid during the specific time-period when Optum's system was not working properly.

Some of MPA's members are still affected by the difficulties with claim determinations and payment or repayment of the estimated funds payments received. We believe the continued oversight by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner will provide a final resolution to this issue.

Thank you for considering our comments on HB 1272. If we can be of any further assistance as the House – Health and Government Operations Committee considers this bill, please do not hesitate to contact MPA's Legislative Chair, Dr. Pat Savage at mpalegislativcommittee@gmail.com.

Respectfully submitted,

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