



MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Brinkman, Vice Chairman Antani, Ranking Member Boggs, and Members of the House Insurance Committee
FROM: Ohio Association of Health Plans
DATE: December 1, 2020
RE: Senate Bill 284

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written interested party testimony on SB 284. The Ohio Association of Health Plans (OAHP) is the state's leading trade association representing the health insurance industry. OAHP's member plans provide health benefits to more than 9 million Ohioans through employer-sponsored coverage, the individual insurance market, and public programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and the Federal Insurance Marketplace. Our members offer a broad range of health insurance products to Ohioans in the commercial marketplace and are committed partners in public programs.

We appreciate and support the effort put forward by the Ohio Department of Insurance, RecoveryOhio and the Parity at 10 Coalition to propose the amendment that was accepted on November 17, 2020 that aligns Ohio statutes with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act (MHPAEA).

OAHP supports the inclusion of this language in SB 284, and we look forward to continuing to work with stakeholders on this important issue.