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October 4, 2023

The Honorable Julie M. Rogers
Chair
House Committee on Health Policy
124 N Capitol Ave
Room 519
Lansing, MI 48933

Re: MISAM's Support for HB 4579 and HB 4580

Dear Chair Rogers,

On behalf of the Michigan Society of Addiction Medicine (MISAM), the leading medical specialty society representing addiction specialist physicians and clinicians in Michigan, to submit a card of support for HB 4579 and HB 4580. These important pieces of legislation would establish coverage parity in Medicaid and private insurance for services provided by telehealth. Coverage parity means that services furnished by telehealth are required to be covered at the same rate as similar services furnished in offices.

Telehealth is an important tool to expand evidence-based treatment for substance use disorder (SUD) and opioid use disorder (OUD). Official American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) [policy](#) recommends that payers cover addiction care through telehealth 'on the same basis and to the same extent they cover the provision of the same service through in-person care.' Both HB 4579 and HB 4580 would help achieve coverage parity for addiction care delivered by telehealth in Michigan. Therefore, we urge the committee to advance HB 4579 and 4580.

We greatly appreciate the opportunity to comment in support of this important legislation. Please feel free to contact me at polandc2@msu.edu if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lewei (Allison) Lin, MD, MS
President, Michigan Society of Addiction Medicine

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cara A. Poland". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Cara" and last name "Poland" clearly legible.

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