Driving Excellence in Addiction Care

To: Honorable Chairs O'Driscoll and Koegel; House Commerce Finance and Policy Committee

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MARRCH, the statewide trade association for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) programs and professionals, represents thousands of dedicated individuals and organizations committed to providing life-saving care to Minnesotans. Through education, training, advocacy, and public policy engagement, we support the critical work of our members and the countless lives they touch each year.

MARRCH is in support of HF3904 which ensures that clinical trainees—the future of our profession—can bill for SUD and mental health services consistently across all insurance carriers. This bill was heard before deadline and laid over. As co-chairs, we urge you to take action this session.

HF3904 is about statutory clarity and regulatory uniformity, not a new mandate. Currently, almost every major insurance carrier in Minnesota recognizes and reimburses for the essential care provided by clinical trainees—with one notable exception. This inconsistency creates a fractured marketplace where a client's access to mental health and SUD care is dictated solely by which insurance provider they have. Inconsistent reimbursement threatens the financial stability of SUD providers—particularly in Greater Minnesota—that provide the necessary supervision for the next generation of mental health professionals. This fix aligns Minnesota with the standards already successful in states like Iowa and Massachusetts.

We can better support our clients and providers when there is a predictable foundation for reimbursement. As co-chairs, I ask for your support in passing HF3904 this session to ensure that Minnesota's SUD infrastructure remains strong and consistent for all residents. Strategic investment in a full continuum of care for mental health and substance use disorders will not only serve those directly affected, but will return value across state systems—public safety, health care, education, and beyond.