

Insurance and Real Estate Committee
February 27, 2020

Testimony in Support of:

H.B. No. 5248, H.B. No. 5254, An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study Health Insurance Coverage for Peer Support Services In This State.

H.B. No. 5254, An Act Requiring Health Insurance Coverage For Medication-Assisted Treatment For Opioid Use Disorder

H.B. No. 5256 An Act Concerning Required Health Insurance Coverage For Detoxification And Substance Abuse Services

Co-Chairs Scanlon and Lesser; Vice Chairs Dathan and Hartley; Ranking Member Pavalock-D'Amato and Kelly; and distinguished members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

My name is Deborah Brown.

My husband and I have been attending the CARES supports groups for the past 5 yrs and we see the heartbreak when families can not get the help needed for their afflicted loved ones. More resources are needed for when the loved when is seeking help and there not a bed available or the insurance company decides 28 days is enough. We as parents want only the best for our children but this is something we can not "fix" . Resources must be available in a timely fashion or we miss the opportunity to for future recovery. We ask for your attention to this matter and thank you for your time. Kevin and Debbie Brown

I am urging you to consider these bills to ensure insurance companies are required to provide help to those seeking services and to utilize MAT as a standard form of treatment, the data suggests this is one of the most successful ways to help those recovering from addiction.