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February 24, 2020

The Honorable Martin Carbaugh
Chair, Committee on Insurance
Indiana General Assembly
200 West Washington Street
State House, Room 4-2
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2786

Re: Support for SB208

Dear Chairman Carbaugh and members of the Committee on Insurance,

On behalf of the Indiana Society of Addiction Medicine (INSAM), the medical specialty society representing physicians and clinicians in Indiana who specialize in the treatment of addiction, we would like to take this opportunity to provide our support for SB208, which would increase parity compliance among certain insurers, and decrease barriers to treatment. With the opioid addiction and overdose crisis significantly impacting Indiana, INSAM appreciates the effort to expand coverage for evidence-based addiction treatment services.

We applaud the improved reporting requirements contained in this bill. This bill would require that certain insurers submit a report and analysis to the Department of Insurance that includes information demonstrating their compliance with federal laws regarding parity in coverage of services for treatment of a mental illness or substance use disorder and coverage of services for treatment of other medical or surgical conditions, including the processes used to develop medical necessity criteria for coverage of services; and to develop and apply nonquantitative treatment limitations. Arbitrary limitations on the duration of treatment, medication dosage, or on levels of care, that are not supported by medical evidence, are not appropriate and can be specifically detrimental to the wellbeing of the patient and their community.

Finally, this bill would decrease barriers to care by requiring that FDA-approved medications for addiction treatment (MAT) be placed on the lowest tier of any drug formulary developed and maintained by certain insurers. Furthermore by prohibiting prior authorization and step therapy requirements for access to MAT, this bill would ensure that when a patient presents with a substance use disorder, they are able to receive the care they need.

INSAM shares the state of Indiana's goal of providing coverage to high-quality, evidence-based, and comprehensive addiction treatment services at parity with medical and surgical benefits, as required by federal law. We offer our support for this bill and strongly recommend the committee favorably report it. Please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Darrin Mangiacarne at



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docdarrin@icloud.com, if INSAM and can be of any service to you. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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