

Hi All,

Memo from the Arizona Council of Human Service Providers with our total support.

Urgent Action Needed in Support of BBHE Reform Legislation

SB1374 reforming the Board of Behavioral Health Examiner has passed out of the Senate and will be heard in the House Health Committee on March 20th. After it passes the House it will go to the Governor for signature. You all have done a phenomenal job of lobbying. We need one more big push.

Write to Representative Heather Carter, Chair of the Health Committee, hcarter@azleg.gov, expressing your support for the bill. Emphasize the need for reform. The revised law will protect the public while making it easier for people to obtain a license, bring fairness to the process, and reduce the uncertainty that has led to people taking years to get their licenses and reduce expenses for licensees and employers.

Copy other members of the Health Committee (list below) and your legislators. You can use the Legislative Action Center on the www.azcouncil.com website and it will help you identify your legislators if you don't know them.

Also write to the Governor, who will have to sign this bill to make it effective. She is being pressured to veto the bill and needs to hear from everyone. This is a bill that was developed with extensive stakeholder input and involvement over the past 9 months. It is supported by all of the professional associations licensed under the statute. If we are to have the workforce to support the Medicaid population, she needs to sign this bill. Email your letter to the Governor via Don Hughes, dhughes@az.gov.

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Thanks,

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