

September 1, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2360 (Maienschein) – Telehealth – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Newsom:

At its July 9-10, 2020 meeting, the Board of Psychology (Board) adopted a Support if Amended position on AB 2360 (Maienschein). After the August 5, 2020 amendments, this bill would require health care service plans and health insurers, by July 1, 2021, provide access to a telehealth consultation program that meets specified criteria and provides providers who treat children and pregnant and certain postpartum persons with access to a mental health consultation program, as specified.

The bill would require the consultation by a mental health clinician with expertise appropriate for pregnant, postpartum, and pediatric patients to be conducted by telephone or telehealth video, and to include guidance on the range of evidence-based treatment options, screening tools, and referrals. The bill would require health care service plans and insurers to communicate information relating to the telehealth program at least twice a year in writing. The bill would require health care service plans and health insurers to monitor data pertaining to the utilization of the program to facilitate ongoing quality improvements, as necessary, and to provide a description of the program to the appropriate department. The bill would exempt certain specialized health care service plans and health insurers from these provisions.

Due to the amendments on August 5, 2020, the Board asks for your **“Signature”** of AB 2360 (Maienschein). If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Board’s Central Services Manager, Jason Glasspiegel, at (916) 574-7137.

Sincerely,



Seyron Foo
President, Board of Psychology

cc: Assembly Member Brian Maienschein
Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Office of the Governor