



March 11, 2024

Dear Chair Fischer and Committee Members,

My name is Caprice Bingham and I have worked as the Qualified Professional for Adena LLC for the past 16 years. I am writing to you in support of bill HF 4073 which would allow remote worker training and development services for CFSS.

Many of our clients are immunocompromised due to their highly complex conditions, including but not limited to, ventilation dependence, cancer, multiple sclerosis, or other autoimmune disorders. The need to protect these clients from harm remains our number one priority.

During the state peacetime emergency when we were allowed to do remote visits, we saw that most of our clients wanted to do visits remotely, especially during the winter months when Covid, Influenza and RSV were on the rise. I often do several home visits a day, going from house to house and some clients may feel unsafe with what I could be bringing into their home. Even with taking precautions like wearing a mask, it could still make a client feel unsafe. During the spring and summer months they wanted me to see them when we could safely be outside. They often missed my in-person visits.

This bill will allow the client's primary health care provider to determine if the client is eligible to receive remote visits. It is not an agency decision. The client then can decide whether they would like to do a remote visit or in person visit. During remote visits, I am able to see the client as there is a visual and audio requirement for these visits. I can assess changes in their demeanor or if I notice that things do not look right and I can then follow up with an in-person visit.

Please allow this to continue under the newly approved CFSS service just as you did last year for PCA.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Caprice Bingham RN'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

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