



Alliance for the Betterment of
Citizens with Disabilities

Empowering People: Providers Shaping Policies

Assembly Health Committee

Testimony on A4613 and A4615

Respectfully Submitted on February 9, 2023

Good day, Chairperson Conaway, Vice Chairperson Lampitt, and members of the Assembly Health Committee. On behalf of ABCD, thank you for the opportunity to publicly express our appreciation to the primary sponsors, Assemblyman Greenwald, Assemblywoman Pintor Marin, Assemblywoman Jasey, Assemblyman Conaway, Assemblywoman Reynolds-Jackson and Assemblywoman Park and to voice our support of A4613 which extends eligibility and makes various other changes to the Primary Care Practitioner Loan Redemption Program and A4615 which requires the State to foster development and implementation of GME in behavioral health care.

New Jersey's person-centered system of care is working hard to provide mental health programs and services more adequately for the individuals they serve. Nevertheless, because of the prevalence of mental health conditions in individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, more assistance is required. Passage of A4613 and A4615 would expand the service continuum so that more individuals may have an opportunity to control and live their lives rather than have their lives controlled by mental illness.

Thank you.