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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 29, 2024

TO: Delaware Department of Education
Office of the Secretary/Attn: Regulation Review

FROM: Benjamin Shrader, Chairperson 
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: DDOE Proposed Regulation Regarding Mental Health Services Scholarships, 27 DE Register of Regulations 822 (May 1, 2024)}

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the DDOE proposed regulation regarding Mental Health Services Scholarships and have the following comments:

With this proposed regulation, DDOE proposes to amend an existing regulation in order to remove provisions requiring application to "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" or "FAFSA" as part of an applicant's eligibility for an award.

This change may enable more individuals to make use of this program, which in turn could help Delaware address mental health work force shortages.

The SCPD supports this proposed revision as it will potentially increase the pool of individuals seeking mental health professions.

The SCPD thanks you for considering our comments. Please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our observations.

cc: Marissa Band, Esq., DLP
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