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**From:** Stephen Fatzinger <sfatz@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 2, 2019 1:34 PM  
**To:** NO Reply  
**Subject:** Dear Board Members. My Name is Stephen Fatzinger, LPA, License #1588. I have been a licensed LPA since 1992. Though retired from the Black Mountain Center, I continue to provide testing, psych. evaluations, therapy and counseling to IDD consumers in at

least 9 Western NC counties. I do not keep a private office but travel to where the consumers live, work or program. In the past 5 years I have been denied authorization to many consumers because they had Medicare and I am not authorized to bill Medicare. Recently (past 6 months) I have lost 3 clients because of these issues. One of them I had been seeing for more than 10 years. That person is seriously dual-diagnosed and no longer has a therapist. I sometime see them at my own expense. I am currently seeing weekly 10-12 consumers who live in 5 different NC counties.

I receive monthly supervision from Dr. Kelly Burgin, Ph. D., former President of the NC Psychology Board. He has repeatedly told me that it was his opinion that I did not need this supervision. He would strongly support my being relieved of this requirement. Even now I am being requested almost weekly to complete evaluations for Vaya Health. I ask you for your support to change the rules to allow LPA's to perform this much need service without the cost and time of supervision. Thank you for your consideration. Stephen E. Fatzinger