



## **HB1082: Consumer Health Information – Hub and Requirements**

**Position: Support**

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CRISP appreciates this opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 1082. As Maryland's State-Designated Health Information Exchange (HIE), CRISP's vision is to advance health and wellness by deploying health information technology solutions adopted through cooperation and collaboration.

Fulfilling our vision requires significant communication with providers, policymakers, and patients. The inherent complexity of our industry makes it challenging to meaningfully discuss the implications of data sharing with stakeholders. To overcome this challenge, we work directly with the University of Maryland Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy to accurately and effectively disseminate information to patients.

This bill would formally designate the University of Maryland Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy as the State's Consumer Health Information Hub. We believe this designation and the mission described in the bill would significantly contribute to efforts to educate patients through the promotion of health literacy. We will continue to leverage this valuable resource and are eager to see other organizations take advantage of their unique expertise.