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Planned Parenthood of Maryland

**Committee:** House Health and Governmental Operations Committee

**Bill:** House Bill 1364 – Health Care Freedom of Conscience Act

**Hearing:** March 11, 2022

**Position:** Oppose

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Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) opposes *House Bill 1364 – Health Care Freedom of Conscience Act*. The bill would have substantially negative impact on access to such health care services as contraception, fertility treatment, or abortion care. The bill would allow an insurer to refuse to cover such services on the basis of religious, moral, or ethical objections, which is much broader than the religious exemptions generally found in current law. Thus, Marylanders would be at risk for losing coverage of these essential services.

We ask for an unfavorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).