



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 48

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Collaborative Care Model Services – Implementation and Reimbursement Expansion

Hearing Date: February 7, 2023

Position: Support

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports *House Bill 48 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Collaborative Care Model Services – Implementation and Reimbursement Expansion*. This bill makes the Collaborative Care Model permanent in Maryland before the pilot sunsets in 2024.

LCPCM supports the Collaborative Care Model to provide much needed care coordination of physical and behavioral health services. Preliminary findings from 2021 indicate that patients enrolled in the program have shown clinically significant improvement despite the limited enrollment that was impacted by COVID-19.¹ We look forward to seeing the full report later this year, but are encouraged by the preliminary findings and believe they warrant continuing Collaborative Care Model in Maryland.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

¹ <https://health.maryland.gov/mmcpc/Documents/FINAL%20CoCM%20Slides%202022%2002%2004.pdf>