



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health - Health Care and Dental Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants - Report

Hearing Date: March 30, 2023

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *Senate Bill 806 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health - Health Care and Dental Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants - Report*. The bill will require the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland Department of Health to develop a report comparing options for offering affordable health care coverage to State residents who are ineligible due to the individuals' immigration status.

Maryland has made tremendous progress in reducing the number of uninsured to 6.5%. However, we still do not have many coverage options the undocumented immigrant community. Maryland made a significant step forward in 2022 with the passage of legislation to extend Medicaid coverage to pregnant individuals who did not otherwise qualify because of immigration status. We look forward to working on extending coverage to other people in the immigrant community.

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