



## Maryland Community Health System

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>House Health and Government Operations Committee</b>
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<b>House Bill 953 – Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Program – State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Amount of Annual Subsidies</b>
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	<b>February 21, 2024</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Support</b>

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The Maryland Community Health System (MCHS) supports *House Bill 953- Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Program – State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Amount of Annual Subsidies*. The bill makes a technical change to allow unspent funds from prior years to be moved to support expenses in future years.

As a network of federally qualified health centers, we provide somatic, behavioral, and oral health service to underserved communities. The Young Adult Subsidy Program has been a success in increasing the number of young adults with insurance. As a result, the overall risk pool for qualified health plans is healthier, resulting in lower premiums for everyone insured under the program.

We ask for a favorable report, as this legislation helps the Young Adult Subsidy Program sustain itself. We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).