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Committee:	House Health and Government Operations Committee
Bill Number:	House Bill 953
Title:	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program - Amount of Annual Subsidies
	Insurance Subsidies Phot Program - Amount of Annual Subsidies
Hearing Date:	February 22, 2024
Position:	Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *House Bill 953* – *Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program - Amount of Annual Subsidies*. This bill adds unspent funds designated for subsidies for young adults to the funding in calendar years 2024 and 2025 of the State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program.

MOTA supports initiatives that improve access to habilitative services for children and young adults. This bill helps to ensure young adults continue to have access to health insurance subsidies which will encourage those aged between 18 and 34 to receive regular health check-ups and take preventative measures to avoid more expensive and serious health conditions later in life.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at <u>relliott@policypartners.net</u>.