



## Maryland Community Health System

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Senate Finance Committee</b>
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<b>House Bill 1104 – Maryland Department of Health – AHEAD Model Implementation – Electronic Health Care Transactions and Population Health Improvement Fund</b>
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	<b>March 25, 2025</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Support</b>

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The Maryland Community Health System (MCHS) supports *House Bill 1104 – Maryland Department of Health – AHEAD Model Implementation – Electronic Health Care Transactions and Population Health Improvement Fund*. The bill provides for the statutory framework for Maryland to implement the AHEAD Model.

The Maryland Community Health System is a network of federally qualified health centers providing primary, behavioral health, and dental services to underserved communities across Maryland. We support this legislation because it will lead to increased investment in population health initiatives to address health disparities and improve health outcomes. The AHEAD Model will help Maryland to realign healthcare financing to support primary care and preventative services. Federally qualified health centers would like to be strong partners in implementation of the AHEAD Model.

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