
Planned Parenthood of Maryland

Committee:	Senate Finance Committee
Bill:	SB 940—Health Insurance and Family Planning Services—Consumer Protections-- Updates
Hearing:	February 26, 2025
Position:	Favorable

Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) strongly supports *Senate Bill 940—Health Insurance and Family Planning Services—Consumer Protections—Updates*. This bill updates legislation enacted during the 2017 Session to establish a Family Planning Program at the State Department of Health to ensure the continuity of family planning services in the State. This legislation applies to providers that lost eligibility for federal Title X funding because of the scope of other services offered by the provider or for services of which they offer referrals. Family planning providers are defined as providers of services funded under Title X of the federal Public Health Service Act as of December 31, 2024.

Planned Parenthood of Maryland provides services to more than 30,000 unique patients at more than 40,000 visits per year. Family Planning services account for roughly three-quarters of PPM’s annual visits. These visits run the gamut of care, including sexual and reproductive health (SRH) counseling, providing birth control and vasectomies, pregnancy testing, preventative care visits and cancer screenings. As PPM frequently serves some of the State’s most vulnerable community members, and clinicians find that they are often the only health care provider a patient may see that year, the ability to continue providing this health care is crucial. In FY23 alone, Planned Parenthood of Maryland clinicians conducted more than 1,900 preventative exams and cancer screenings. These are the types of services currently under threat by federal anti-SRH actors who seek to strip health care providers of their ability to access federal Title X funding because of other, non-federally funded, services they provide.

Title X funding allows Planned Parenthood of Maryland to provide life-saving cancer screenings and comprehensive family planning services to Marylanders that may not otherwise be able to access care. While some services PPM provides have become sensationalized for political reasons recently, there is nothing controversial about this family planning health care. However, there is a very real risk that, without the measure outlined in SB 940, health care providers across the State will no longer be able to provide this essential health care.

For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable vote from the Finance Committee. Please contact Erin Bradley, Vice President of Public Affairs, at erin.bradley@ppm.care or (443) 604-3544 for additional information.