



**Committee:** Senate Finance Committee

**Bill:** House Bill 871 – Health Services Cost Review Commission - Community Benefits - Community Health Worker Workforce Program

**Hearing Date:** March 25, 2025

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 871 – Health Services Cost Review Commission - Community Benefits - Community Health Worker Workforce Program*. The legislation delineates how hospitals can meet community benefit program requirements through the establishment of community health worker programs.

ACNM supports this legislation because of the positive impact of community health workers on improving health outcomes and reducing health disparities. Community health workers have shown to improve maternal and newborn outcomes when integrated into prenatal and postpartum outreach programs.<sup>i</sup>

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

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<sup>i</sup> Meghea CI, Raffo JE, Yu X, et al. Community Health Worker Home Visiting, Birth Outcomes, Maternal Care, and Disparities Among Birthing Individuals With Medicaid Insurance. *JAMA Pediatr.* 2023;177(9):939–946. doi:10.1001/jamapediatrics.2023.2310