



To: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 939- Maryland Commission for Women - Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over-the-Counter Birth Control

Date: February 20, 2025

Position: Favorable

The Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants (MdAPA) supports *House Bill 939 – Maryland Commission for Women – Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage of Over-the Counter Birth Control*. The American Academy of Physician Assistants is a supporter of ensuring there are more over-the counter options for birth controlⁱ. MdAPA's position aligns with our national organization's platform.

Maryland has provided coverage for over-the-counter birth control since the enactment of the Maryland Contraceptive Equity Act of 2016. However, there is low consumer and pharmacist awareness of this requirement. This legislation will advance implementation of the nearly 10-year-old requirement for coverage of over-the-counter birth control.

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

ⁱ <https://freethepill.org/statement-of-purpose/#coalition-members>