



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 718 – Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection

**Commission - Established** 

Hearing Date: February 20, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Dental Action Coalition (MDAC) strongly supports *House Bill 718-Maryland Health Insurance Protection Commission – Established.* The bill will support Maryland in maintaining health insurance coverage in the face of a changing federal landscape. The Commission's work could have a significant impact on access to dental services:

- Under the Affordable Care Act, insurance plans for children must provide pediatric dental coverage; and
- Federal support has been essential for lowering health insurance premiums for qualified health plans on the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. More adults have been able to purchase dental coverage as a result.

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

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