



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations

**Bill:** House Bill 297 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal

**Hearing Date:** January 29, 2025

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 297 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal*. By repealing the sunset date of the State-Based Young Adult Subsidies Program, the bill makes the Program permanent. ACNM supports this proposal, as the Program has made health insurance more accessible to young adults on the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. According to Health People 2030, “inadequate insurance coverage is one of the largest barriers to healthcare access.”<sup>i</sup> The Program also makes insurance more affordable for everyone, as young adults make the risk pool healthier.

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> <https://odphp.health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health/literature-summaries/access-health-services>