



To: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: HB 170 -Health - Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund - Use

Position: Favorable

Date: January 15, 2025

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly supports *House Bill 170 - Health - Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund – Use*. The bill extends the sunset date to 2027 for the Maternal and Child Health Population Health Improvement Fund. Under the Total Cost of Care Model, this fund provides critical resources for programs improving maternal health outcomes and addressing health disparities through home visiting pilots for new parents, Medicaid reimbursement for doulas, and case management for pregnant people with opioid use disorder.

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