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Committee:	House Health and Government Operations Committee
Bill Number:	House Bill 718
Title:	Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission - Established
Hearing Date:	February 20, 2025
Position:	Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports House Bill 718 – *Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission - Established*. This bill establishes the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to monitor and assess the impact of potential and actual federal changes to health care programs and to provide recommendations for State and local action to protect the access of residents of the State to affordable health coverage.

Meaningful health care coverage is critical to living a productive, secure, and healthy life. Enrollment in coverage supports the health and well-being of individuals and communities. Studies confirm that coverage improves access to care; supports positive health outcomes, including an individual's sense of their own health and well-being; incentivizes appropriate use of health care resources; and reduces financial strain on individuals, families and communities. This bill will ensure that regardless of federal action, Marylanders will continue to have access to high quality health care.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Michael Paddy at mpaddy@policypartners.net.