

**Committee:** House Health and Governmental Affairs Committee

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

**Hearing Date:** February 19, 2025

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Assembly of School-Based Healthcare (MASBHC) supports *House Bill 718 – Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission*. The Commission would study and make recommendations on how to maintain healthcare coverage in Maryland as the federal landscape changes. Maryland has lowered the rate of uninsured individuals to 6% by implementing the Affordable Care Act and state-based coverage programs. We will need to make some changes to maintain this coverage level. We strongly support the creation of a Commission, as Medicaid is the predominant insurer of students served by the almost 90 school-based health centers across Maryland.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.