



Maryland Association of School Health Nurses



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

The Maryland Association of School Health Nurses supports *House Bill 718 – Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission*. The Commission would develop a plan for responding to federal changes to Medicaid and private insurance.

MASHN supports the establishment of the Commission because many of the policy changes under discussion at the federal level would have a negative impact on Maryland’s children:

- There are nearly 700,000 children who are covered under Medicaid in Maryland.ⁱ Some children could lose coverage with changes in eligibility requirements; and
- Affordable Care Act plans in Maryland must meet our state’s essential health benefits benchmarks. Federal changes could make coverage less comprehensive.

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

ⁱ <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/program-information/medicaid-and-chip-enrollment-data/report-highlights/index.html>