



Maryland Community Health System

Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 156 – Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services – Establishment

Hearing Date: March 19, 2024

Position: Support

The Maryland Community Health System (MCHS) supports *Senate Bill 156 – Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services – Program Establishment and Insurance Coverage*. The bill requires the Maryland Department of Health to establish a workgroup that develops a universal nurse home visiting program.

MCHS is a network of federally qualified health centers providing primary, behavioral, and dental care to underserved communities. We support evidence-based programs that reduce health disparities and improve health outcomes. Maryland should invest in home visiting programs for new parents.

MCHS looks forward to working with the Department and other stakeholders on delineating how the program would be implemented. Coordination with other healthcare providers will be the key to its success.

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