



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee

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

**Hearing Date:** February 20, 2025

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 718 – Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission - Established*. The 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.

ACNM supports this bill because if any changes are made to health care at the federal level, we do not want to see the essential benefits disappear or become unaffordable in Maryland. Protecting access to health care is of the utmost importance.

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