



Maryland Community Health System

Bill Number: House Bill 297 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal

Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Hearing Date: January 30, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Community Health System (MCHS) supports *House Bill 297 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal*. The bill removes the termination date of the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Program.

MCHS is a network of federally qualified health centers who focus on serving the uninsured and individuals in the Medicaid and Medicare programs. This bill will support our health centers' young adult patients in obtaining affordable insurance. This will be critical to improving health outcomes and encouraging preventative health measures amongst the young adult population. The bill will continue to make insurance more affordable for everyone. By encouraging more young adults to purchase insurance, the Young Adult Subsidy Program will broaden the risk pool and lower premium rates for all participants.

We ask for the Committee's full support of this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Michael Paddy at mpaddy@policypartners.net.