



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 939 – Maryland Commission for Women – Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage for Over-the-Counter Birth Control

Hearing Date: February 20, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly supports *House Bill 939 – Maryland Commission for Women – Maryland Collaborative to Advance Implementation of Coverage for Over-the-Counter Birth Control*. Maryland was the first state to enact coverage requirements for over-the-counter birth control with the Maryland Contraceptive Equity Act in 2016. However, few people are using their insurance coverage for OTC birth control after nearly ten years of the law being in effect. We need to make sure there are more affordable options for birth control. Plan B, which has been over-the-counter since 2006, can cost up to \$50 a dose. Opill, the first daily birth control pill that is OTC, is nearly \$20 for a monthly supply. We have coverage laws on the books, we need SB 674 to make OTC coverage actually work for Marylanders.

We ask for a favorable report. If any additional information would be helpful, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.