



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: Senate Bil 551 - Health Insurance - Ovarian Cancer Prevention With Salpingectomy - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing

Hearing Date: March 4, 2026

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly supports *Senate Bil 551 - Health Insurance - Ovarian Cancer Prevention With Salpingectomy - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing*. In 2024, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology reaffirmed that opportunistic salpingectomy, which means removal of the fallopian tubes as an addition to the primary surgical procedure, reduces the risk of ovarian cancer.ⁱ

Ovarian cancer represents 1% of cancer cases and 2% of cancer deaths reported in the U.S.ⁱⁱ Death rates are higher because ovarian cancer is difficult to detect, so most cases are identified in the later stages.ⁱⁱⁱ ACNM supports this legislation because it will reduce barriers to salpingectomy and save lives. Women should be able to choose salpingectomy, in consultation with their healthcare provider, without concern about insurance coverage or cost sharing.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

ⁱ <https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/committee-opinion/articles/2019/04/opportunistic-salpingectomy-as-a-strategy-for-epithelial-ovarian-cancer-prevention>

ⁱⁱ <https://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/ovary.html>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/types/ovarian-cancer/detection-diagnosis-staging.html>