

Committee:	Health
Bill:	HB422 – Expedited Partner Therapy – Expansion to Bacterial Vaginosis
Hearing:	February 11, 2026
Position:	Favorable

Planned Parenthood of Maryland supports *House Bill 422 Expedited Partner Therapy – Expansion to Bacterial Vaginosis*, legislation that strengthens Maryland’s public health response to common and recurrent infections by expanding the state’s Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) statute to include bacterial vaginosis (BV).

Maryland already authorizes EPT for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and trichomoniasis. This bill updates this framework to reflect current clinical practice, and the realities patients face. Bacterial Vaginosis is one of the most frequently diagnosed vaginal conditions nationwide, and reinfection is common when partners remain untreated¹. Allowing clinicians to provide antibiotic therapy to a patient’s partner reduces reinfection, improves treatment outcomes, and supports timely, evidence-based care.

House Bill 422 maintains all existing safeguards and applies only to licensed clinicians already authorized to provide EPT. Expanding eligibility to include BV ensures Maryland’s public health tools remain responsive, practical, and aligned with the needs of patients and providers.

Planned Parenthood of Maryland respectfully requests a **favorable** report on HB422. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Vice President of Public Affairs, Erin Bradley, erin.bradley@ppm.care.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/bacterial-vaginosis/about/index.html>