



Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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Committee:	House Health Committee
Bill Number:	House Bill 882
Title:	Consumer Health Information - Termination Date and Mandatory Funding for the State's Consumer Health Information Hub - Repeal
Hearing Date:	February 17, 2026
Position:	Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports House Bill 882 - Consumer Health Information - Termination Date and Mandatory Funding for the State's Consumer Health Information Hub - Repeal. The bill would remove the requirement for mandatory state funding for the Consumer Health Information Hub while eliminating the law's prior termination date. The Hub may continue operating and providing plain-language, evidence-based health information if funding is available. The bill preserves the Hub's mission to promote health literacy and requires ongoing reporting on its activities.

Occupational therapists (OTs) support the bill because it promotes health literacy, which is essential for clients to understand diagnoses, treatment plans, and daily self-management strategies. Access to plain-language, evidence-based health information helps OTs support clients with diverse literacy levels, cognitive impairments, and chronic conditions. The Consumer Health Information Hub aligns with OT goals of client education, informed decision-making, and independence in daily activities. By strengthening health communication across systems, the bill continues to support more effective, equitable, and client-centered care.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Michael Paddy at mpaddy@policypartners.net.