



Maryland Section

House Health Committee

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House Bill 1364 – *Public Health – Mammograms – Arterial Calcification Notice*

POSITION: SUPPORT

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Maryland Section (MD ACOG), which represents the Maryland physicians who serve the obstetrical and gynecological needs of Maryland women and their families, **supports** House Bill 1364.

Obstetrician-gynecologists (OB-GYNs) often serve as primary or preventive care providers for many women. Access to complete screening information enables OB-GYNs to better counsel patients regarding cardiovascular risk, lifestyle modification, and appropriate referral when indicated. House Bill 1364 aligns with MD ACOG’s commitment to integrated, evidence-based care that addresses both reproductive and overall health.

Mammography is often one of the most consistent points of preventive health contact for women. When arterial calcification is incidentally identified but not clearly communicated, a valuable opportunity for education and prevention may be missed. Providing this information directly to patients respects their right to know what is observed in their own bodies, encourages proactive engagement with health care providers, and supports shared decision-making.

Patients who understand their screening results are more likely to ask questions, pursue follow-up care when appropriate, and adopt preventive strategies that reduce long-term risk. Cardiovascular disease remains a leading cause of death among women. Breast arterial calcification has been associated with cardiovascular risk, and its presence can serve as a prompt for further discussion about heart health.

House Bill 1364 does not mandate additional testing or create unnecessary alarm. Instead, it ensures that patients receive complete information so that they and their clinicians can determine whether further evaluation or lifestyle modifications are appropriate. This approach reinforces prevention without overmedicalization.

MD ACOG supports House Bill 1364 because it recognizes that informed patients are empowered partners in their own health. By promoting transparency and access to meaningful health information, this legislation reinforces patient autonomy, strengthens preventive care, and advances women’s health across their lifespan.

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