



**Committee:** House Health Committee

**Bill:** House Bill 422 – Public Health - Expedited Partner Therapy - Bacterial Vaginosis

**Hearing Date:** February 11, 2026

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly supports *House Bill 422 - Public Health - Expedited Partner Therapy - Bacterial Vaginosis*. The bill adds bacterial vaginosis to Maryland’s expedited partner therapy law. ACNM supports this legislation as it aligns Maryland’s law with a recent recommendation from the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists.<sup>i</sup> Bacterial vaginosis is the most common vaginal infection of women of child bearing age.<sup>ii</sup> With expedited partner therapy, clinicians can help protect their patients from becoming reinfected from their partners.

We also wanted to thank the bill sponsor for offering an amendment to add licensed certified midwives (CMs) to the list of expedited partner therapy providers. The Maryland General Assembly established licensure for CMs in 2021 (HB 758/SB 684). Licensed certified midwives have the same scope of practice as nurse-midwives, and they must meet the same educational and exam requirements as nurse-midwives.

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

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.acog.org/news/news-releases/2025/10/acog-recommends-concurrent-sexual-partner-treatment-recurrent-bacterial-vaginosis-first-time/>

<sup>ii</sup> <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/idehashareddocuments/bv.pdf>