



# Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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**Committee:** House Health Committee

**Bill Number:** House Bill 746

**Title:** Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Collaborative Care Model - Cost Sharing Prohibition

**Hearing Date:** February 19, 2026

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports House Bill 746 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Collaborative Care Model - Cost Sharing Prohibition. This bill eliminates copays, coinsurance, and most deductibles for services delivered under the Collaborative Care Model, which integrates behavioral health treatment into primary care settings. It requires Maryland Medicaid and commercial insurers to cover these services without cost-sharing, though high-deductible health plans may still apply their deductibles. The bill is intended to improve access to mental health and substance use treatment by removing financial barriers to integrated care.

Occupational therapy practitioners (OTPs) support the bill because it removes financial barriers to integrated behavioral health services in primary care, helping patients access treatment earlier. The Collaborative Care Model emphasizes team-based care, where OTPs contribute expertise in daily functioning, routines, and community participation. By expanding access to coordinated mental health care, the bill aligns with OTP's focus on whole-person, functional recovery.

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