



Maryland-National Capital Homecare Association

House Bill 498: *Department of Aging – Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs – Funding*
House Appropriations Committee
February 11, 2020

Position: Support

Maryland-National Capital Homecare Association (MNCHA) is an association whose members include Medicare-certified home health agencies, private duty companies and durable medical equipment suppliers across the State. Our members allow individuals to thrive in their own homes and in their own environments surrounded by family and familiar things.

MNCHA supports House Bill 498, which expands on the current Aging-in-Place Program operated by the Department of Aging to add senior villages as a listed purpose for receiving a grant award. House Bill 498 also requires the Governor to include \$1 million each fiscal year for the Program.

Maryland's 60+ population is anticipated to increase from 1.2 million to 1.7 million by 2030, a 40% increase. At the same time, the Alzheimer's Association reports that by 2025 the rate of individuals with Alzheimer's disease is expected to increase 18.2%. To ensure that Maryland has enough services to care for the aging population, Maryland must develop innovative approaches to provide care options for all individuals and allow them to age-in-place.

Therefore, MNCHA supports House Bill 498 and requests a favorable vote.

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