
Planned Parenthood of Maryland

Support

Senate Bill 99 – Health Insurance Benefit Cards, Prescription Benefit Cards, and Other Technology – Identification of Regulatory Agency

Senate Finance Committee

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Planned Parenthood of Maryland supports *Senate Bill 99 – Health Insurance Benefit Cards, Prescription Benefit Cards, and Other Technology*. The bill simply requires that state-regulated health plans and managed care organizations list the applicable regulatory agency on insurance and prescription benefit cards.

Planned Parenthood of Maryland supports this bill because it helps consumers and their advocates understand if health plans must comply with state-specific requirements. Consumers can simply look at their insurance or prescription benefits card. If a card lists either “The Maryland Insurance Administration” or the “Department of Health,” then the plan must comply with state rules. For Planned Parenthood clients, this information is critical because state-regulated and Medicaid plans must comply with state rules, but ERISA-exempt plans do not. Under state rules, Marylanders have access to more comprehensive contraceptive coverage including:

- More contraceptive options without copayments;
- Up to 12 months of birth control at one time; and
- Over-the-counter contraceptives.

SB 99 will help consumers navigate whether they can access comprehensive contraceptive coverage and other state-required benefits. It will also help them determine which agency to contact if they have questions or concerns about their plan.

We ask for a favorable report. If you have any questions, please contact Robyn Elliott at (443) 926-3443 or relliott@policypartners.net.