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Committee: House Judiciary Committee

Bill Number: HB 425

Title: Criminal Procedure – Sexual Assault Evidence Kits – Privacy, Reimbursement, and Notification

Hearing Date: February 11, 2020

Position: Support

Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) supports House *Bill 425 – Criminal Procedure – Sexual Assault Evidence Kits – Privacy, Reimbursement, and Notification*. This bill would require the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to pay for a sexual assault forensic exam in addition to the physical exam, require e-verification that services were actually rendered to the victim, and prohibit any payment request for such an exam from including a narrative about the alleged offense or a photograph of the victim.

We believe that the inclusion of this information, in addition to violating HIPAA, also violates the dignity of the survivor, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.