



THE COORDINATING CENTER
INSPIRED SOLUTIONS

Committee: Senate Finance Committee
Bill Number: Senate Bill 748
Title: Public Health – State Designated Exchange – Clinical Information
Hearing Date: March 3, 2021
Position: Support

The Coordinating Center (The Center) supports *Senate Bill 748 – Public Health-State Designated Exchange-Clinical Information*. This bill would make permanent electronic data reporting by nursing homes through Maryland’s health information exchange.

The Center is an independent, care coordination organization with 38 years of experience, coordinating services for more than 10,000 people with disabilities and complex medical needs across the state. This includes services for individuals enrolled in Medicaid’s Home- and Community-Based Services’ waivers and programs, including Maryland’s Community Options Waiver. The purpose of these programs is to support individuals who wish to remain in their homes when they meet a nursing home level of care.

Oftentimes, our coordinators engage with individuals residing in nursing facilities transition back home. The Center believes streamlining data sharing through CRISP has the potential to assist organizations that work closely with nursing facilities; including expediting care coordination services designed to transition individuals back to their homes and communities.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Rachael Faulkner at rfaulkner@policypartners.net or (410) 693-4000.