

Maryland Community Health System

Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: SB 748 - Public Health – State Designated Exchange – Clinical Information

Hearing Date: March 3, 2020

Position: Support

Maryland Community Health System (MCHS) supports *Senate Bill 748- State Designated Exchange – Clinical Information.* The bill requires the integration of medical records from nursing homes into the state's Health Information Exchange, also known as CRISP.

As a network of federally qualified health centers, Maryland Community Health System focuses on improving health outcomes for people who are uninsured or covered by Medicaid or Medicare. It can be challenging for our health centers to manage the care of their patients who are discharged from nursing homes. With the integration of medical information from nursing homes into CRISP, our health centers will be in a better position to manage the care of their patients and reduce the rate of readmissions.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, 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.