



# Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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**Committee:** Senate Finance Committee  
**Bill number:** Senate Bill 621  
**Title:** Association Health Coverage Plans  
**Hearing Date:** February 24, 2021  
**Position:** Oppose

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The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) opposes *Senate Bill 621 – Association Health Coverage Plans*. The bill would allow for the sale of certain association health plans in the State of Maryland. MOTA appreciates the effort to expand the number of affordable health insurance options. We have concerns about association health plans in general, as those plans do not have to comply with certain State insurance mandates. In Maryland law, there are requirements that State-regulated plans offer a sufficient level of coverage of habilitative services to children with disabilities. This coverage helps ensure that children can develop into adults who can live as independently as possible. If a plan is not regulated by the State, the plan may not have the same level of coverage for habilitative services.

We ask for an unfavorable report on this bill, but we are committed to working with the bill sponsors and committee members to expand the number of affordable insurance options in Maryland. If we can provide further assistance, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.