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## **HB737: Emergency Services – Exposure to Contagious Diseases and Viruses – Notification and Other Requirements**

**Position: Support**

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CRISP appreciates this opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 737. As Maryland's State-Designated Health Information Exchange (HIE), CRISP's vision is to advance health and wellness by deploying health information technology solutions adopted through cooperation and collaboration.

One key way the HIE provides value is by acting as a single platform through which data can be repurposed based on different allowable uses. For example, hospitals submit real-time visit information to CRISP. CRISP then uses this information to both notify primary care physicians of these hospital encounters and also for population health efforts under Maryland's Total Cost of Care Model.

House Bill 737 enables Medical Care Facilities to utilize the State-Designated HIE to facilitate the process of providing required contagious disease notices. The HIE already has the infrastructure to accurately receive and appropriately use sensitive data. By contributing in this way, the State-Designated HIE will increase efficiency by repurposing existing technologies to support critical emergency medical services efforts.