



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee

**Bill Number:** House Bill 780

**Title:** Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program

**Hearing Date:** February 18, 2021

**Position:** Support

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The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports *House Bill 780 – Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program*. This bill requires the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement a pilot program to provide subsidies to young adults to purchase health plans in the individual market.

Marylanders across the state continue to experience too many barriers in accessing behavioral health services. In addition to there not being enough behavioral health providers overall, many individuals experience difficulties paying premiums, which prevents them from seeking needed treatment.

LCPCM is very supportive of establishing this new program to assist young adults in covering the cost of behavioral health services. If we can provide any further information, please contact our legislative representative, Rachael Faulkner, at (410) 693-4000 or [rfaulkner@policypartners.net](mailto:rfaulkner@policypartners.net).