



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

**Bill Number:** SB 923 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Eligibility and Disenrollment

**Hearing Date:** March 30, 2021

**Position:** Support

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Moveable Feast supports *Senate Bill 923- Maryland Medical Assistance Program -- Eligibility and Disenrollment*. The bill extends Medicaid postpartum coverage from up to 60 days to 1 year after pregnancy. This bill stems from the *Report of the Senate President's Advisory Workgroup on Equity and Inclusion's* recommendation to extend Medicaid coverage for pregnant women until 12 months postpartum and provide care coordination and health literacy education for individuals as they transition from Medicaid coverage.<sup>i</sup>

We know that when pregnant women are faced with a chronic illness, the process of supporting themselves through a healthy pregnancy can be even more challenging. Moveable Feast serves people with a range of chronic health concerns, including gestational diabetes. It is critical that low-income women living with chronic illnesses get appropriate healthcare before, during and after giving birth.

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](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.

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<sup>i</sup> Report of the Senate President's Advisory Workgroup on Equity and Inclusion (2021), <http://www.mgaleg.maryland.gov/pubs-current/SenatePresidentAdvisoryWorkgrouponEquityandInclusion.pdf>