



THE COORDINATING CENTER  
INSPIRED SOLUTIONS

**Committee:** Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

**Bill Number:** Senate Bill 488 - Sales and Use Tax - Medical Devices - Exemption

**Hearing Date:** February 15, 2022

**Position:** Support

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The Coordinating Center support *Senate Bill 488 – Sales Use and Tax – Medical Devices – Exemption*. The bill extends the sales tax exemption for other medical devices to medical and clinical thermometers, pulse oximeters, and blood pressure monitors.

We provide care coordination to individuals with complex medical conditions under home and community-based waivers through Maryland’s Medical Assistance Program. Our clients have increased their utilization of telehealth for routine appointments to help them manage their medical conditions. As a result, they have a greater need for at-home medical equipment, but this equipment is seldom covered by Medicaid or private insurance. We support this legislation because it makes needed medical equipment more affordable for our clients, many of whom face financial challenges.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).