



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 395 - Health Insurance – Individual Market Stabilization – Extension of Provider Fee

Hearing Date: February 9, 2022

Position: Support

Moveable Feast supports *Senate Bill 395 – Health Insurance – Individual Market Stabilization – Extension of Provider Fees*. The bill would continue the state’s Reinsurance Program through 2028.

Moveable Feast, through nutritional counseling and medically-tailored meals, serves individuals living at the intersection of food insecurity and chronic illness. Many of our clients participate in the Medicaid program. If their incomes increase slightly through employment, they “churn” into coverage under a qualified health plan on the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. The Reinsurance Program has been highly successful in:

- Lowering the cost of premiums for working people, including our clients, with lower incomes, and thereby reducing the number of uninsured individuals; and
- Making it more affordable for people to purchase plans with lower cost-sharing requirements on the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange. Cost-sharing requirements are a real barrier for our clients accessing care, as their incomes are often not high enough to be able to afford copayments or other cost-sharing arrangements.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.