



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 890 – Abortion Care Access Act

Hearing Date: February 23, 2022

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly supports *Senate Bill 890 – Abortion Care Access Act* which will:

- Remove an outdated restriction that only a licensed physician may perform an abortion. Fourteen other states have recognized that advanced practice clinicians may provide medication and in-office procedural abortion care.
- Provide that Medicaid have abortion coverage that is equitable to private insurance, and it would also ensure that all state-regulated plans cover abortion care without cost-sharing or deductible requirements.

This legislation is consistent with ACNM’s position on protecting access to the full range of reproductive health care. In 2019 after state legislatures introduced a record-breaking number of anti-reproductive health measures, ACNM – National issued a statement that “reaffirms its commitment to individual patient autonomy across the spectrum of reproductive health, including abortion.”ⁱ

We ask for a favorable vote on SB 890. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

ⁱ<https://www.midwife.org/acnm/files/cclibraryfiles/filename/000000007327/ACNM%20Opposition%20Statement%20to%20Threats%20to%20Abortion%20Care%20March%202019.pdf>

