



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 1082 - Public Health - Consumer Health Information - Hub and Requirements

Hearing Date: March 31, 2022

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association supports *House Bill 1082 – Public Health – Consumer Health Information – Hub and Requirements*. The bill recognizes the University of Maryland Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy as the State’s Consumer Health Information Hub.

Nurses are responsible for supporting our patients in making treatment decisions, coordinating care, and obtaining needed resources through State and community programs. Patients, particularly when in the midst of dealing with a health care issue, are often overwhelmed by the amount of information they receive. We support initiatives by State and local agencies to provide streamlined information about community resources, insurance application requirements, and core public health information about chronic and acute diseases. This bill will assist those efforts by creating a center of health care literacy expertise.

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

