



**Committee:** House Health and Governmental Operations Committee

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

**Hearing Date:** March 9, 2022

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Affiliate of American College of Nurse-Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 1082 – Public Health – Consumer Health Information – Hub and Requirements*. The bill designates the University of Maryland Herschel S. Horowitz Center for Health Literacy as the State’s Consumer Health Information Hub. The bill also provides for a \$350,000 annual State appropriation.

Consumers need access to understandable information to support their decision-making on health decisions, including purchasing insurance and making treatment choices. This bill boosts resources to promote health literacy by harnessing the expertise of the University of Maryland Herschel S. Horowitz Center. State and local agencies will be able to consult with the Center on producing their own materials, ranging from program eligibility applications to identifying provider resources within their communities.

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