



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee

**Bill Number:** House Bill 1005

**Title:** Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Community Violence Prevention Services

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**Position:** Support

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The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports *Senate Bill 1005 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Community Violence Prevention Services*.

The federal government has recently announced an effort to promote evidence-based responses to community violence. One of these responses is the use of violence prevention professionals to connect people at risk of experiencing violence to needed resources and services. There is growing evidence that these programs improve the health and safety of our communities. Medicaid funding would provide the needed stream of funding to expand these services into more communities across the state.

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