



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

**Bill Number:** House Bill 476 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Gender-Affirming Treatment (Trans Health Equity Act of 2022)

**Hearing Date:** March 1, 2022

**Position:** Support

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Moveable Feast strongly supports *House Bill 476 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Gender-Affirming Treatment (Trans Health Equity Act of 2022)*. Our mission is to improve the health and quality of life of people with serious illnesses through nutritional counseling and medically-tailored meals.

We provide services to many members of the LGBTQ community and have seen the importance of gender-affirming treatment. Maryland Medicaid currently excludes many gender-affirming services from coverage, claiming they are “cosmetic.” However, we know how important having one’s outward appearance match one’s gender identity is in addressing symptoms of gender dysphoria. This bill will end the antiquated restrictions and ensure that more transgender Marylanders can access needed care.

We urge a favorable report on this legislation in order to modernize our Medicaid program. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).