



Maryland Community Health System

Committee: House Ways and Means Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 364 - Sales and Use Tax - Medical Devices - Exemption

Hearing Date: February 2, 2022

Position: Support

The Maryland Community Health System (MCHS) strongly supports *House Bill 354 – Sales and Use Tax - Medical Device Exemption*. The bill proposes to exempt the following medical devices from Maryland’s sales and use tax: medical and clinical thermometer, pulse oximeter, and blood pressure monitor.

Our network of federally-qualified health centers focuses on providing somatic, behavioral, and dental care to underserved communities. Over-the-counter medical equipment is often not covered by Medicaid, Medicare, or private insurance. Since many of our patients have limited resources, they often face financial difficulties in purchasing this equipment. At-home medical equipment has become even more important in the age of telehealth, and patients take more appointments at home.

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