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Committee:	Senate Finance Committee
Bill:	Senate Bill 806 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health - Health Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants - Report
Hearing Date:	March 8, 2023
Position:	Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) support *Senate Bill 806 – Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants -Report*. The bill requires a report on the options for extending coverage to the immigrant community. Health care coverage is an essential strategy in addressing health disparities. Almost one-third of immigrants do not have a primary care provider as comparied to 20% of non-immigrants.¹

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at <u>relliott@policypartners.net</u> or (443) 926-3443.

¹ <u>https://www.kff.org/racial-equity-and-health-policy/fact-sheet/health-coverage-and-care-of-immigrants/</u>