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Maryland Senate
11 Bladen St.
Annapolis, MD. 21401

In Support of SB 101 / HB 48: Maryland's Medical Assistance Program, Collaborative Care Model

Members of the Maryland Senate's Finance Committee.

We are an organization of military and non-military families with over 1500 members and support our local non-profits that fill necessary roles in our non-profit support and services networks. We fully support SB 101 and the help that it will bring to all the citizens that benefit from the coordination of care and medical services offered to them through the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

Collaborative Care Models of physical and mental health care services have been around for a while, decades within the medical community. There is real benefit to the communities that it serves in both the quality, the participation rates for patients in managed care programs, and overall cost management of these patient care programs for a variety of patient populations.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4226460/>

We would like to ask and encourage this committee to explore the use and benefits of such a program through the proposed pilot. Especially as these programs impact a variety of communities including; Black, Brown, Disabled, the elderly or infirmed, Poor, Non-English Speakers, Veterans and Non-Veterans alike.

The future of Maryland's interlocking support service networks supports the lives of so many citizens. And the future care of all Maryland citizens relies on these networks and its service providers. Please support and protect the rights of citizens that access these medical assistance programs while improving access and the quality of these service offerings. We ask the committee to please support Senate Bill 101 and return a favorable report.

Thank you for your time, and for considering our testimony today.

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