



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

Moveable Feast supports *Senate Bill 806 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health - Health Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants - Report*. Our mission is to improve the health and quality of life of people with serious illnesses through nutritional counseling and medically-tailored meals.

The undocumented community has the highest number of uninsured individuals, with 46% lacking coverage.ⁱ Expanding coverage to the immigrants is critical for the advancement of health equity. We support this legislation because it will provide a roadmap for policy-makers in taking the next steps. In 2022, Maryland enacted the Health Babies Act which extended Medicaid coverage to pregnant individuals who were undocumented.

We urge a favorable report on this piece of legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

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