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Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 231 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Autism Waiver
- Military Families

Hearing Date: March 21, 2023

Position: Support

The Coordinating Center supports *Senate Bill 231 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Autism Waiver – Military Families*. The bill would require a change in the waiting list process for the Autism Waiver. Children in military families could remain on the waiting list, even if their families move out of state. Once they become eligible, they would be provided services under the Autism Waiver when their families return to Maryland.

The Coordinating Center provides case management services under the Autism Waiver in Dorchester, Harford, Howard, and Worcester counties. We see the extra challenges faced by families who have children with autism. Military families should not have to face the additional worry of losing their place on the waiting list if they are transferred out-of-state.

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