

Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children's Health Program, and Social Services Programs - Eligibility and Enrollment

Delegate Charkoudian Health and Government Operations Hearing February 7, 2023

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an Express Lane Eligibility Program by January 1, 2025, to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program; requiring the Department of Human Services to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program; requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to enroll certain individuals in certain energy assistance programs; etc.

Position: Support

Dear members of the Health and Operations committee,
People on the Go of Maryland, (People on the Go) the statewide self-advocacy organization, ran for and by those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD) offers this written testimony in support of HB0111 Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children's Health Program, and Social Services Programs - Eligibility and Enrollment. This bill requires the Maryland Department of Health to establish an Express Lane Eligibility Program by January 1, 2025, to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program. Also requires the Department of Human Services to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program; requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to enroll certain individuals in certain energy assistance programs. People on the Go have seen firsthand how important the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is to individuals with disabilities and we believe that everyone has the right to affordable and equal health care and health insurance. We strongly suggest a Favorable Report.

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