



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: HB 363 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health - Health Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants - Report

Hearing Date: February 16, 2023

Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *House Bill 363 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health - Health Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants - Report*. The bill will require the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland Department of Health to develop a report comparing options for offering affordable health care coverage to State residents who are ineligible due to the individuals' immigration status.

It has been a longstanding resolution of the American Nurses Association that all individuals living in the U.S., including documented and undocumented immigrants, deserve access to health care; and our organizations educate nurses regarding the wide-ranging social, economic, and political ramifications of undocumented immigrants' lack of access to healthcare services. We affirm the dignity of all people irrespective of their life situation and support this bill in advocating for change in health policies which affect accessibility, quality, and cost of health care.ⁱ

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

ⁱ https://www.nursingworld.org/~4af0ba/globalassets/docs/ana/ethics/nursing-without-borders_-_access-to-care-for-immigrants.pdf