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**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations

**Bill Number:** House Bill 263- Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health - Health Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants - Report

**Hearing Date:** February 16, 2023

**Position:** Support

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The Coordinating Center supports *House Bill 363- Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health – Health Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants-Report*. The bill would require a report on options for extending health coverage to undocumented immigrants.

We strongly support this measure because coverage is essential for access to care. Almost 50% of undocumented immigrants are uninsured, resulting in significant barriers to obtaining health care services. Noncitizens are far more likely to not have a usual source of care and have forgo needed care because of cost.<sup>i</sup> The result is significant health disparities for the immigrant community.

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

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