



THE COORDINATING CENTER
INSPIRED SOLUTIONS

Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 331 - Task Force to Study Paratransit in Maryland

Hearing Date: February 7, 2024

Position: Support with Amendment

The Coordinating Center supports *Senate Bill 331 – Task Force to Study Paratransit in Maryland*. This is a topic of vital importance to the clients we serve, and we would request an amendment to add a seat for a care coordinator with experience in coordinating transportation for people participating in a Medicaid home and community-based services waiver.

Our organization provides care coordination to clients enrolled in Community First Choice and many of Maryland Medicaid’s home and community-based service waivers. Many of our clients have mobility issues and rely on transportation program to travel for medical appointments, work, and family obligations. However, the paratransit services are not consistently available, making it challenging for our clients to get their basic needs met.

Care coordinators at The Coordinating Center and other similar providers have in-depth experience with the challenges of paratransit. For this reason, we request the following amendment:

On page 2 after line 2, insert:

“ONE CARE COORDINATOR WHO WORKS FOR AN ENTITY COORDINATING SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS ENROLLED IN A MEDICAID HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES WAIVER.”

We ask for a favorable report with our amendment. If we can provide any additional information that is helpful, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.