

Committee: House Appropriations Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 208 - Human Services - Maryland Assistive Technology

Program - Establishment

Hearing Date: March 25, 2025

Position: Support

The Coordinating Center supports *Senate Bill 208 - Human Services - Maryland Assistive Technology Program – Establishment*. The legislation codifies an existing program supported through federal funds under the Maryland Department of Disabilities.

The Coordinating Center provides care coordination services to nearly 10,000 Marylanders annually to individuals enrolled Maryland Medicaid programs, including home and community-based service waivers and other programs such as the Rare and Expensive Case Management (REM) program. We support this legislation because assisted technology is essential for many of clients to live independently in their own communities. The Maryland Assisted Technology Program should have a permanent statutory framework under the Department of Disabilities.

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