



To: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 5 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal

Date: January 29, 2025

Position: Favorable

The Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants supports *Senate Bill 5 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal*. The bill provides for the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidy Pilot Program to become permanent. Through the Program, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange has been able to increase enrollment of young adults, increasing their access to healthcare services and improving health outcomes. As more young adults have enrolled in qualified health plans, the risk pool has become healthier, which lowers insurance rates for everyone.

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