

TO: The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
Senate Finance Committee

SB367
Letter of Information

FROM: Annie Coble
Assistant Director, Maryland Government Affairs

DATE: February 4, 2025

RE: SB367 MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
AND HEALTH SERVICES

Johns Hopkins would like to provide information on SB367 Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Supportive Housing and Health Services. This bill requires Maryland Medicaid to provide supportive housing for eligible members. Johns Hopkins acknowledges this is an extraordinary financial undertaking, but there are real benefits to providing this service we know first-hand.

Johns Hopkins participated in a pilot program in Baltimore City implementing Assistance in Community Integration Services (ACIS). This pilot was very successful in helping some of the most vulnerable Medicaid enrollees get access to the important wraparound services, including housing, required to truly improve their health. Johns Hopkins Hospital has been an active participant in the pilot and saw the value firsthand. Dr. Redonda Miller, President of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, reported that, “we found the pilot ultimately demonstrated that this model had a significant impact on reducing the overall number of hospital visits, including a 19 percent drop in individuals utilizing hospital services, including Emergency Department visits.”

Johns Hopkins also supported MDH’s inclusion of the ACIS program in their most recent application of the Maryland HealthChoice Program 1115 Waiver Renewal Application.