



Maryland Community Health System

Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 411 – Health Insurance – Postpartum Depression Screening – Required Coverage and Authorized Cost Sharing

Hearing Date: February 12, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Community Health System supports *Senate Bill 411 – Health Insurance – Postpartum Depression Screening – Required Coverage and Authorized Cost Sharing*. The bill would require state-regulated private plans to cover postpartum depression screening.

Maryland Community Health System is a network of federally qualified health centers providing primary, behavioral, and dental care to underserved communities throughout Maryland. Postpartum depression has a significant impact on the health of both mother and newborn.ⁱ With our Medicaid patients, the State is undergoing a systems transformation to screen and identify risks, including postpartum depression, for new moms as a result of House Bill 1051/Senate Bill 1059 last year. This year, SB 411 would help close the gap for individuals with coverage of postpartum services from private insurance.

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

ⁱ Slomian J, Honvo G, Emonts P, Reginster JY, Bruyère O. Consequences of maternal postpartum depression: A systematic review of maternal and infant outcomes. *Womens Health (Lond)*. 2019 Jan-Dec;15:1745506519844044. doi: 10.1177/1745506519844044. Erratum in: *Womens Health (Lond)*. 2019 Jan-Dec;15:1745506519854864. doi: 10.1177/1745506519854864. PMID: 31035856; PMCID: PMC6492376.