



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 518 – Health Insurance – Screening for Ovarian Cancer – Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing

Hearing Date: February 12, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly supports *Senate Bill 518 – Health Insurance – Screening for Ovarian Cancer – Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing*. The legislation requires state-regulated private plans to cover ovarian cancer screenings, including diagnostic tools, without cost sharing.

Ovarian cancer is the deadliest of gynecological cancers for women. An estimated 12,740 women died from ovarian cancer in 2024. The survival rate for ovarian cancer is lower than other types of cancer diagnoses.ⁱ Symptoms take longer to present, leading many women to be diagnosed at a later stage. Insurance coverage should extend beyond screening tools. Diagnostic imaging is essential in identifying ovarian cancer, as other clinical tests may not yield a definitive diagnosis. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) are highly effective in determining ovarian diagnosis.ⁱⁱ

ACNM strongly supports this bill. Ensuring women have access to MRIs and CT scans is essential to increasing the survival rates among those with ovarian cancer. We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

ⁱ <https://ocrahope.org/for-patients/gynecologic-cancers/ovarian-cancer/ovarian-cancer-statistics/>

ⁱⁱ <https://ajronline.org/doi/10.2214/AJR.09.3522>