



## Maryland Community Health System

**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

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The Maryland Community Health System supports *Senate Bill 518 – Health Insurance – Screening for Ovarian Cancer – Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing*. The legislation requires state-regulated private insurance plans to cover ovarian cancer screening and diagnosis tools without cost sharing. Ovarian cancer is the deadliest gynecological cancer.<sup>i</sup> Women with ovarian cancer have lower survival rates because symptoms do not present early enough. To increase survival rates, it is essential that women have coverage of diagnostic tests, in addition to screening tools. MRIs and CT scans are essential in identifying ovarian cancer as early as possible.<sup>ii</sup>

We ask for a favorable report. If we can answer any questions, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).

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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/ovarian-cancer/statistics/index.html>

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