



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 871 – Health Services Cost Review Commission - Community Benefits - Community Health Worker Workforce Program.

Hearing Date: March 25, 2025

Position: Support

The Coordinating Center supports House *Bill 871 – Health Services Cost Review Commission - Community Benefits - Community Health Worker Workforce Program*. This legislation provides for hospitals to include community health worker programs that meet certain requirements on their community benefits reports.

The Coordinating Center, a Maryland statewide nonprofit care coordination organization for people living with disabilities and complex medical needs, supports this legislation because of the importance of community health workers in effective population health programs. Community health workers, as part of an integrated care team, can improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities.ⁱ Community health workers are an essential part of Maryland’s strategy in successful implementation of the AHEAD Program and Total Cost of Care Model.

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

ⁱ <https://www.astho.org/globalassets/pdf/community-health-workers-summary-evidence.pdf>