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Date: March 21, 2025

Bill Number: HB1478

Bill Title: Public Health - Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers -

Committee: Senate Finance

Position: **FAVORABLE ON BILL AS AMENDED**

The Department of Aging (MDOA) respectfully submits this favorable as amended testimony on House Bill (HB) 1478 - Public Health - Home Health Care Providers - Directory.

The Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA) serves as Maryland's State Unit of Aging, administering federal funding for core programs, overseeing the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) network at the local level that provides services, and planning for Maryland's older adult population. As amended this bill charges the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), in consultation with the Department of Aging and other key stakeholders, with completing a report on the feasibility of establishing and maintaining an online directory of home health care providers.

MDOA remains supportive of a statewide directory that supports the workforce caring for older adults as well as older adults and their families in accessing home care. Several other states have adopted similar registries. PHI and the National Alliance for Caregiving, national organizations focused on strengthening the care workforce, recommend the creation of matching service registries as effective vehicles for connecting individuals, families, and direct care workers.¹ HB1478 as amended aligns squarely with MDOA's Longevity-Ready Maryland Initiative and MDOA is ready to play a supporting role through MDH on this report. MDOA appreciates the

¹ PHI, National Alliance for Caregiving, "Together in Care" Issue Brief, June, 2024, p. 14, *available at*: https://static1.squarespace.com/static/64f13c772cfec42625cbdfa2/t/6686b5b3991bb54becce4163/1720104376140/TogetherinCare_IssueBrief_June_24.pdf



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work of the bill sponsor, MDH and other stakeholders on the amendments that convert this bill into a thorough report that will position Maryland well for future action. MDOA is comfortable with its supporting role in this bill and ready for consult with MDH on this report. **For these reasons MDOA requests a favorable report on HB 1478 as amended.**

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Nunez, Legislative Director, at andrea.nunez@maryland.gov or (443) 414-8183.

Sincerely,

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House Health and Government Operations
Re: HB1478 Public Health - Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers

Dear Committee Members,

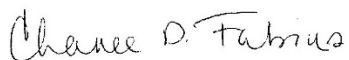
Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony in support of HB1478. I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. I am a gerontologist and health services researcher with expertise in racial and socioeconomic disparities in long-term services and supports for older adults, their family caregivers, and the direct care workers that help them. I have conducted research in Maryland, both surveying residential service agencies about ways in which they support direct care workers, as well as conducting qualitative interviews with direct care workers and residential service agency administrators to understand collaboration in the delivery of home care services.^{1,2}

A tremendous challenge that Maryland Home and Community-Based Services continue to face is the waiver waiting list, which is also recognized as a national problem. Those providing care are particularly impacted - In 2021, there were about 760,000 family caregivers from diverse groups in Maryland whose unpaid care was valued at 12.5 billion dollars.³ These estimates will likely increase as the older adult population diversifies and grows in size, a trend that has been well documented across the country as well as globally.⁴ Without intervention, individuals and families on waiting lists are vulnerable to additional financial strain, nursing home entry, and increased disability.

The proposed bill would directly impact individuals with disabilities and family caregivers, and would strengthen the home care workforce, which is the fastest growing workforce in the United States.⁵ Between 2018 and 2028, the home care workforce is expected to add 1.3 million jobs, and 6.9 million jobs will become vacant as existing workers leave the field or exit the workforce.⁶ Despite this demand, home care aides are a particularly vulnerable group – the workforce is undervalued and underpaid; overrepresented by racial and ethnic minority groups, women, and immigrants; and has minimal training.⁶ Over the past several years, states have undergone efforts to rebalance Medicaid financing from institutions to community settings, resulting in higher acuity among care recipients in the community.⁶ The proposed search and match tool is a necessary solution to a well-documented problem.

The search and match tool would better ensure that (1) older adult needs are able to be met, and (2) direct care workers are empowered to navigate and manage their working assignments and conditions. Additionally, because direct care workers often deliver services via employment in residential service agencies or Medicare Home Health agencies, their ability to work with families is restricted to those referred to their employer. I appreciate your time and attention to this critical issue, and am confident that the implementation of the search and match tool will impact our state's delivery of home and community-based services for the better.

Sincerely,



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Maryland-National Capital Homecare Association

Senate Finance Committee

March 25, 2025

House Bill 1478 – *Public Health – Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers*

POSITION: SUPPORT

On behalf of the Maryland-National Capital Homecare Association (MNCHA), whose members include Medicare-certified home health agencies, private duty companies, and durable medical equipment suppliers across the State, we support House Bill 1478. As amended by the House, House Bill 1478 requires the Maryland Department of Health, with affected stakeholders, to examine the feasibility of establishing and maintaining an online directory of home health care providers for purposes of: (1) allowing an individual seeking home health care services to identify a home health care provider in a statewide directory based on specified criteria, such as language proficiency, certifications, previous experience, or special skills; and (2) supporting statewide communication to home health care providers for: (i) retention and recruitment by helping individuals to become and remain enrolled as home- and community-based service providers under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; (ii) workforce development by connecting home health care providers to training and workforce development opportunities that support consumers' specific health needs; and (iii) facilitating communication with home health care providers in the event of a public health or other emergency.

As Maryland's population ages, it is important to ensure that residents can access necessary healthcare services to meet their needs. As initially introduced, House Bill 1478 would have required the employees of residential service agencies to be individually listed in a directory, which MNCHA opposes. However, we do support examining how the State can better develop tools to assist consumers in accessing the appropriate services and look forward to working on this issue over the interim.

For these reasons, we support House Bill 1478.

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HB 1478

Public Health - Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers

Before Senate Finance Committee

March 25th, 2025

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Dear Chair Beidle and members of the Finance Committee:

My name is Ricarra Jones, and I am the Political Director of 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East. We are the largest healthcare workers union in the nation – representing 10,000 healthcare workers in long-term care facilities and hospitals across Maryland. We are proud members of the Caring Across Maryland coalition supporting HB 1478 as amended and we urge the Committee to issue a favorable report.

HB 1478 requires Maryland Department of Health to consult with consumer, worker, and provider stakeholders and submit a report on establishing a home care directory. A home care directory will support Maryland families and patients who need home care services find the worker that best meets their need based on language, certification, or training. A directory will help consumers contact the residential service agency (RSA) that employs the worker to establish care. With over 2,000 licensed RSAs in the state and over 51,000 home care workers, consumers are overwhelmed trying to find sustainable and reliable care. Those who need home care services are continuing to have more diverse needs such as Dementia, Alzheimer's, Developmental Disability, or behavioral health challenges. The registry is a starting place for family and loved ones searching for the care that best meets their needs. Home care or personal care aides provide essential support for individuals with long term conditions or disabilities in people's homes providing assistance with personal care such as bathing, dressing, mobility, toilet care, and eating. Personal Care Aides also help patients with housekeeping, transportation, and social or employment activities outside the home.

HB 1478 is an important step to analyzing the care gap and how a home care directory can address it. Over 127,000 Maryland residents need help with daily activities such as bathing and dressing. 15% of Maryland's 65+ population has reported difficulties with activities of daily living (ADLs) or instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs), and that need continues to grow. In 2018, PHI predicted that the number of older adults in Maryland would grow by 75% between 2015 and 2045 from 837,500 to nearly 1.5 million. Despite the increasing demand and essential nature of home care, the caregiving work of personal care aides is still not valued- workers receive extremely low pay, few benefits and enjoy limited protections. PHI, a leading national research entity on direct care workforce, predicts that from 2022-2032, Maryland will have 58,300 job openings due to demand and workers leaving the field¹.

¹ "PHI's Workforce Data Center." PHI, 24 Jan. 2025, <https://www.phinational.org/policy-research/workforce-data-center/#var=Employment+Projections&states=24>.

There are over 20 matching service home care directories in 12 states². During the pandemic, these states successfully disseminated important information regarding pandemic relief and benefits for essential healthcare workers including home care workers. However, in Maryland, too many home care workers were left behind during the pandemic, unaware of childcare benefits for essential healthcare workers and other COVID-19 related guidance. While some have enhanced user-friendly dashboards that are more expensive, starting with a low-cost spreadsheet maintained on the Maryland Department of Health website will be just as impactful for Maryland families struggling. Howard County has a voluntary home care directory serving Howard County residents that many consumers would like to see expanded state-wide⁰⁰¹. This is an important first step towards improving access to home care in Maryland and improving communication with a vital part of the state's healthcare workforce.

HB 1478 which brings together consumers, providers, and worker organizations to discuss relevant features for a Maryland home care directory follows federal best practices for home and community-based services. In December 2023, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released [guidance](#) advising states about best practices for home care worker registries/directories. CMS emphasizes that, in addition to helping consumers find and match with home care workers, registries can also perform activities related to worker recruitment and retention, and state monitoring of home and community-based services (HCBS).

The lack of a robust care infrastructure in the state leaves consumers struggling to find workers and maintain work relationships with them. Maryland can be at the forefront of supporting the home care work force so that families across the state can rest better knowing their loved ones are in good hands. Establishing a home care worker registry is one important step to address the care gap and build a strong care infrastructure in Maryland. Vote YES on HB 1478 to build a stronger care system for Maryland families.

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² PHI Matching Service Registries, 2025 [Matching Service Registries - PHI](#)

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Bill: HB 1478 - Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers

Committee: Finance

Position: Favorable

Date: March 25, 2025

On behalf of the 127,200 Marylanders living with Alzheimer's disease and their 247,000 caregivers, the Alzheimer's Association supports HB 1478 - *Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers*. HB 1478 will require the Maryland Department of Health to submit a report on the feasibility of establishing a home care directory.

HB 1478 is an important step to providing more support for Marylanders in need of care and their home care workers. As our population ages and more people develop dementia, the demand for home care services will increase. In 2024, an estimated 36% of individuals using home health services had Alzheimer's or other dementia.¹

The largest segment of the workforce that supports people living with dementia is the direct care workforce.² These workers – many of whom are home care workers – assist with activities of daily living, such as bathing and eating, and play a broader role in promoting well-being for those living with dementia. Finding the right home care workers can be overwhelming for anyone, but can be especially overwhelming for dementia caregivers as there may be unique needs and challenges that arise when supporting an individual living with dementia. Therefore, it is important to provide as many tools as possible to assist in navigating the care journey.

HB 1478 will take an important step to address these challenges by analyzing the feasibility of a consumer-friendly home care directory which can serve as a starting point for caregivers of people living with dementia to identify workers and agencies that best meet their needs. For instance, knowing if a worker has completed dementia-specific training or speaks the preferred language can provide peace of mind to a family member and improve the quality of life for the individual living with dementia. Furthermore, this directory would allow the State to better assess where there are gaps in the home care workforce and take steps towards addressing those gaps.

The Alzheimer's Association supports HB 1478 and urges a favorable report. Please contact Megan Peters, Director of Government Affairs at mrpeters@alz.org with any questions.

¹ 2024 Alzheimer's Facts and Figures, <https://www.alz.org/getmedia/76e51bb6-c003-4d84-8019-e0779d8c4e8d/alzheimers-facts-and-figures.pdf>

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HB1478: Public Health - Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers

Senate Finance Committee, March 25, 2025

Position: FAVORABLE

The Public Justice Center (PJC) is a not-for-profit civil rights and anti-poverty legal services organization which seeks to advance social justice, economic and racial equity, and fundamental human rights in Maryland. Our Workplace Justice Project works to expand and enforce the right of low-wage workers to receive an honest day's pay for an honest day's work. **The PJC supports HB1478, which would study Maryland's ability to create a directory for home care workers in Maryland.**

Many home care workers struggle with job insecurity and insufficient hours. When their clients need to go to the hospital, direct care workers may be out of job for an indefinite period of time. Meanwhile, consumers often struggle to find staff to fill their home and community-based service hours. HB1478 will benefit both consumers and workers by determining whether Maryland can create a database that helps consumers find home care workers who meet their needs, similar to the database that Howard County maintains.¹

This database could provide information about which workers are fluent in languages other than English. There are approximately 44,983 Marylanders over age 65 who speak Spanish, and 108,644 Marylanders over 65 who speak languages other than English and Spanish.² About one-third of Maryland's direct care workforce are immigrants,³ and can help meet the needs of consumers who speak languages other than English, if those workers and consumers could find each other. HB1478 would lay the foundation to give consumers another tool to find adequate care and to help home care workers obtain more consistent employment.

For these reasons, the PJC **SUPPORTS HB1478** and urges a **FAVORABLE** report. Should you have any questions, please call Sam Williamson at 410-625-9409 ext. 234.

¹ Howard County Office of Aging & Independence, *Home Care Partner Registry – Individual* (Jan. 2025), <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/sites/default/files/2025-02/Home%20Care%20Individual%20List%20updated%201-2025.pdf>.

² U.S. Census Bureau, *C16007 Age by Language Spoken at Home for the Population 5 Years and Over*, <https://data.census.gov/table/ACSDT1Y2023.C16007?q=Maryland&t=Age+and+Sex:Language+Spoken+at+Home>.

³ PHI, *Research Brief: Immigrants and the Direct Care Workforce* (June 2017), p.13 https://www.phinational.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/immigrants_and_the_direct_care_workforce_-_phi_-_june_2017.pdf.

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Senate Finance Committee
House Bill 1478: Public Health – Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers

March 25, 2025

POSITION: SUPPORT

Thank you Madame Chair Beidle and Committee Members for the opportunity to provide written testimony for House Bill 1478: Public Health – Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers. Disability Rights Maryland (DRM – formerly Maryland Disability Law Center) is the federally designated Protection and Advocacy agency in Maryland, mandated to advance the civil rights of people with disabilities. DRM works to increase opportunities for Marylanders with disabilities to be integrated into their communities, live independently and access high-quality, affordable health care.

The pivotal 1999 *Olmstead v. LC* Supreme Court decision held that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)¹ prohibited the unjustified segregation of individuals with disabilities.² As a result of this landmark decision, individuals with disabilities across the United States are now able to have a real choice in where they receive services to live independently. Many individuals rely on home health care providers through residential service agencies to assist them with activities of daily living (ADLs),³ such as bathing, dressing and feeding, within the comfort of their own home.

Unfortunately, consumers who rely on these services can experience difficulty in finding home care providers who best meet their needs. For individuals with disabilities who require higher levels of care, it can be even more difficult to find home care workers who are trained in providing specialized support. In turn, many individuals turn to institutions just to receive the care they need.

House Bill 1478 can help ensure that individuals with disabilities continue to have choice in how they receive their care. Even though the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) maintains similar directories for licensed home health agencies⁴, a directory will provide additional transparency by including the skillsets, specializations and work history of the home health care providers. Consequently, consumers can choose providers who are suitable for their needs and preferences, ensuring that they are receiving the quality care that they are entitled to.

¹ 42 U.S.C. §12101.

² *Olmstead v. L.C.*, 527 U.S. 581 (1999); 42 U.S.C.

³ Katz S. Assessing self-maintenance: activities of daily living, mobility, and instrumental activities of daily living. *J Am Geriatr Soc.* 1983 Dec;31(12):721-7.

⁴ OHCQ Licensee Directories <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/publish?EQBCT=08adff96ac8c4d18a97bf909162a2250>

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March 11, 2025

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The *Olmstead* decision served as an important turning point in the disability rights movement, helping to ensure that individuals with disabilities could direct their own care. However, individuals with disabilities continue to be in a harmful cycle of oppression and inequity that prevents them from having the full ability to control their own healthcare. House Bill 1478 can help ensure that Maryland is a part of the solution to ending that cycle, ultimately helping to create a future that allows people with disabilities to feel respected and equal in society.

For these very reasons, Disability Rights Maryland supports House Bill 1478 and urges a favorable report.

Respectfully,

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HB 1478 Public Health – Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers
Senate Finance Committee
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FAVORABLE

Good afternoon, Chair Beidle and Members of the Senate Finance Committee. I am Tammy Bresnahan; I am the Senior Director of Advocacy for AARP Maryland. On behalf of AARP Maryland and our more than 850,000 members statewide, we respectfully submit our strong support for House Bill 1478 Public Health – Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers. We thank Delegate Hill and the other 27 co-sponsors of HB 1478.

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with labor and consumer stakeholders, to report on the feasibility of establishing and maintaining an online home care directory. AARP policy strongly supports efforts to help older adults live independently in their homes and communities for as long as possible. Accessible, high-quality home care is a critical part of that vision—and HB 1478 takes a crucial step in making this care more transparent and navigable for Maryland families.

As Maryland’s population ages, the demand for home care is rapidly increasing. Families of older adults, including caregivers, frequently face confusion and frustration as they try to locate appropriate home care services. With more than 2,000 licensed Residential Service Agencies (RSAs) and over 51,000 home care workers across the state, consumers often struggle to find the right match for their loved ones’ specific needs—whether it’s language proficiency, specialized training in dementia care, or cultural understanding.

AARP has long advocated for consumer-friendly tools and resources that allow individuals and their families to make informed care decisions. A centralized, online home care directory would be an essential step in closing the information gap. It would allow consumers to identify and contact RSAs and workers based on key criteria, such as availability, training, licensure, language skills, and services offered. This is especially important as families care for loved ones facing complex conditions such as Alzheimer’s, developmental disabilities, or behavioral health challenges.

Personal care aides are the unsung heroes of our long-term care system. They provide hands-on support with daily activities like bathing, dressing, eating, and mobility, in addition to housekeeping, transportation, and social engagement. Yet too many Maryland families struggle to connect with these essential workers. A home care directory would not only improve access to

care, but also elevate the visibility of the workforce and help address growing disparities in long-term services and supports.

HB 1478 reflects a commonsense, data-driven approach to understanding Maryland's care infrastructure. By mandating a feasibility report with input from labor and consumer stakeholders, the bill provides a thoughtful, inclusive foundation for future policy action. The directory it envisions has the potential to transform the way Marylanders access care—particularly those aging in place or living with chronic conditions.

AARP Maryland urges a favorable report on HB 1478. We thank the sponsors and the committees for recognizing the urgency of this issue and for centering the needs of families, caregivers, and older adults in this important policy discussion. If you have any questions, please contact me at tbresnahan@aarp.org or by calling 410-302-8451.

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HB 1478-Public Health-Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Healthcare Providers

March 25, 2025

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and the Members of the Finance Committee

HB 1478 takes a step towards improving Marylander's access to qualified home healthcare providers by requiring the Maryland Department of Health to submit a report on the viability of establishing and maintaining a publicly accessible, online directory of certified and licensed healthcare providers across the state. This bill passed the House with unanimous bipartisan support **(137-0)**.

The key question for workgroup consideration is how we might best create a directory that allows individuals seeking home healthcare services to identify available home care providers based on searchable criteria such as language proficiency, certification, and previous experience.

In developing the report MDH, in consultation with stakeholders, will examine:

- the types of online home healthcare directories implemented in other states;
- what information is both useful and appropriate to include;
- existing directories, such as those provided by the Maryland Healthcare Commission, MDH's Office of Healthcare Quality, and local jurisdictions that might be useful to build upon; and
- the costs and potential funding sources from state, federal, or alternative funds.

HB1478 is a step toward making the task of identifying qualified home care providers to match a patient's particular needs more efficient, effective, and less stressful.

I urge a favorable report.

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March 25, 2025

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RE: House Bill (HB) 1478 - Public Health – Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers - Letter of Support as Amended

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (Department) respectfully submits this letter of support as amended for HB 1478 - Report on Establishing a Directory of Home Health Care Providers.

As amended, HB 1478 requires the Department to submit a report on the feasibility of establishing and maintaining an online directory of home health care providers designed to include certain information and support functions such as statewide communication to home health care providers. The Department must develop the required report in consultation with stakeholders, including the Maryland Department of Aging, trade associations of residential service agencies, consumer organizations, and employee organizations representing health care workers. The report must be submitted to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 31, 2025.

The Department is committed to working in consultation with stakeholders to develop the report required by HB 1478. The report will be helpful to inform the potential design and development of a home health care provider directory in Maryland.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov

Sincerely,

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