



**To:** House Health and Government Operations

**Bill:** House Bill 297 - Health Benefit Exchange – State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal

**Date:** January 30, 2025

**Position:** Favorable

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The Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants supports *House Bill 297 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal*. The bill provides for the State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidy Pilot Program to become permanent. Through the Program, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange has been able to increase enrollment of young adults, increasing their access to healthcare services and improving health outcomes. As more young adults have enrolled in qualified health plans, the risk pool has become healthier, which lowers insurance rates for everyone.

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