



Committee: House Health and Governmental Affairs Committee

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

Hearing Date: February 26, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Assembly of School-Based Healthcare (MASBHC) supports *House Bill 871 – Health Services Cost Review Commission – Community Benefits – Community Health Worker Workforce Program*. The bill advances community health worker programs in Maryland through hospital support. Under the bill, hospitals can include community health worker programs that meet certain requirements on their community benefits reports.

MASBHC supports almost 90 school-based health centers that serve students in communities with a high concentration of poverty. Community health workers can be key to the effectiveness of community health outreach and engagement programs.ⁱ This legislation helps advance a model for financing community health workers where hospitals get community benefit credit for their investment.

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