



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee  
Bill: HB 418 Health Maintenance Organizations - Payments to Nonparticipating Providers - Reimbursement Rate  
Hearing Date: February 6, 2025  
Position: Support

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) support HB 418 Health Maintenance Organizations - Payments to Nonparticipating Providers - Reimbursement Rate. This bill requires health maintenance organizations (HMOs) to reimburse nonparticipating providers a reimbursement rate that takes into consideration the Medicare Economic Index from 2019 to the current year.

LCPCM believes HB 418 will expand access to care and improve outcomes for patients. Increasing reimbursement rates will incentivize providers to participate in HMO networks, strengthening the networks overall. It could also incentivize providers to practice in Maryland addressing the shortage gap and providing better access to care.

For these reasons, LCPCM urges the Committee to give HB 418 a FAVORABLE Report.

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