

## **Maryland Community Health System**

Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 974 – Preventive Services – Enforcement Authority

Hearing Date: February 20, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Community Health System strongly supports *House Bill 974 – Preventative Services – Enforcement Authority.* The bill requires the Maryland Insurance Commission to continue to enforce the Affordable Care Act's preventative services as the federal landscape changes.

Maryland Community Health System is a network of federally qualified health centers that provide primary, behavioral health, and dental services to underserved communities. Preventative services, such as cancer screenings and immunizations, are essential to addressing population health needs and reducing health disparities. We support this legislation because it advances health equity.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at <a href="mailto:relliott@policypartners.net">relliott@policypartners.net</a> or (443) 926-3443.

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