



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations

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

**Hearing Date:** January 30, 2025

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Care (MASBHC) supports *House Bill 297 - Maryland Health Benefit Exchange – State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program – Sunset Repeal*. By repealing a sunset date, the legislation makes the Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidy Pilot into a permanent program. The program uses state subsidies to lower the premium costs for young adults who purchase insurance through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.

MASBHC supports this legislation because it has increased the number of young adults with insurance. School-based health centers largely serve children who are covered through Medicaid. As they reach adulthood, their insurance eligibility status may change, and some lose coverage. The Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidy Program helps ensure that private health insurance is more affordable, thus creating another option for young adults who could not otherwise afford insurance.

We ask for a favorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.