

To: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill: House Bill 974 – Health Insurance – Preventative Services – Enforcement Authority

Date: February 20, 2025

Position: Favorable

The Women's Law Center of Maryland strongly supports *House Bill 974 – Health Insurance – Preventative Services – Enforcement Authority*. The bill supports continued enforcement of the Affordable Care Act's requirements for preventative services coverage, including contraception, well women visits, and women's cancer screenings. These coverage requirements have been responsible for a significant improvement in equitable access to healthcare for women in Maryland and across this country. With the tumultuous landscape on the federal level, Maryland should take steps to protect healthcare access for Marylanders.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

The Women's Law Center of Maryland is a private, non-profit, legal services organization that serves as a leading voice for justice and fairness for women. It advocates for the rights of women through legal assistance to individuals and strategic initiatives to achieve systemic change, working to ensure physical safety, economic security, and bodily autonomy for women in Maryland.