



Committee: House Health and Government Operations 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

Moveable Feast supports House *Bill 871 – Health Services Cost Review Commission - Community Benefits - Community Health Worker Workforce Program*. This bill adds a community health worker workforce program to the list of defined community benefits that may be provided by hospitals in the state.

Moveable Feast’s mission is centered on health equity. We provide medically tailored meals to improve the health outcomes of people with serious chronic or life-threatening disease. We support policies to advance the integration of community health workers into our healthcare system, as the research has demonstrated their impact on addressing health disparities and improving health outcomes.ⁱ Community health workers are an essential part of Maryland’s strategy in successful implementation of the AHEAD Program and Total Cost of Care Model.

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

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