



Maryland Community Health System

Committee:	House Health Committee
Bill:	House Bill 1246 – Maryland Department of Health – Employment Training and Opportunity Database
Hearing Date:	March 4, 2026
Position:	Support

The Maryland Community Health System supports *House Bill 1246 – Maryland Department of Health – Employment Training and Opportunity Database*. The bill will establish a database of opportunities that will allow participants in Medicaid and SNAP to meet the work requirements established under HR 1.

MCHS is a network of federally qualified health centers providing somatic, behavioral health, and dental care to underserved communities across Maryland. We support this legislation because the information on employment opportunities will help more Marylanders maintain their eligibility for Medicaid and SNAP. Our health centers have already experienced a significant increase in the number of uninsured patients as a result of rising insurance premiums for commercial plans, including qualified health plans. We are deeply concerned the uninsured rate will rise even higher when HR 1's work requirements go into effect in 2027.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.