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Planned Parenthood of Maryland

**Committee:** Finance

**Bill:** SB394 – Public Health– Expedited Partner Therapy – Bacterial Vaginosis

**Hearing:** February 10, 2026

**Position:** Favorable

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Planned Parenthood of Maryland supports Senate *Bill 394 – Public Health – Expedited Partner Therapy – Bacterial Vaginosis*, legislation that strengthens Maryland’s public health response to common and recurrent infections by expanding the state’s Expedited Partner Therapy (EPT) statute to include bacterial vaginosis (BV).

Maryland already authorizes EPT for chlamydia, gonorrhea, and trichomoniasis. This bill updates this framework to reflect current clinical practice, and the realities patients face. Bacterial Vaginosis is one of the most frequently diagnosed vaginal conditions nationwide, and reinfection is common when partners remain untreated<sup>1</sup>. Allowing clinicians to provide antibiotic therapy to a patient’s partner reduces reinfection, improves treatment outcomes, and supports timely, evidence-based care.

Senate Bill 394 maintains all existing safeguards and applies only to licensed clinicians already authorized to provide EPT. Expanding eligibility to include BV ensures Maryland’s public health tools remain responsive, practical, and aligned with the needs of patients and providers.

Planned Parenthood of Maryland respectfully requests a **favorable** report on SB394. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Vice President of Public Affairs, Erin Bradley, [erin.bradley@ppm.care](mailto:erin.bradley@ppm.care).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.cdc.gov/bacterial-vaginosis/about/index.html>