



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: House Bill 494 – Health Insurance – Primary Care Investment Targets – Reimbursement and Reporting

Hearing Date: March 24, 2026

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly supports *House Bill 494 - Health Insurance – Primary Care Investment Targets – Reimbursement and Reporting*. The legislation requires commercial carriers to support access to primary care by meeting Maryland’s primary care investment targets.

Primary care includes primary midwifery services, as delineated by Senate Bill 734 of 2022. Despite the importance of primary care to the overall health of Marylanders, commercial carriers did not increase their investment in primary care between 2021 and 2023 according to the Maryland Health Care Commission.ⁱ HB 494 will help remedy this lack of investment.

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

ⁱ https://mhcc.maryland.gov/mhcc/pages/home/workgroups/documents/pcw/pci_rpt.pdf