

Committee:	Finance Committee
Bill Number:	House Bill 1365 - Health Occupations, Public Health, and Insurance - Menopause - Provider Training Coverage Requirements, Policy Initiatives, and Access to Care
Hearing Date:	March 25, 2026
Position:	Favorable

Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) supports *House Bill 1365 Health Occupations and Insurance - Menopause - Provider Training and Coverage Requirements*. The bill as amended would promote better clinical understanding of menopause through continuing education credit and requires coverage across regulated health plans; thereby improving access to menopause care and care for menopause related conditions.

House Bill 1365 improves the quality-of-care Marylanders receive by strengthening clinicians' knowledge of menopause and its related conditions. The bill's continuing education provision ensures providers have access to up-to-date, evidence-based training that supports accurate evaluation, counseling, and treatment.

Furthermore, its insurance coverage requirements will advance equitable access by reducing cost barriers that often limit patients' ability to seek care for menopause and related concerns. Because Planned Parenthood of Maryland is committed to delivering high-quality, reproductive health care which reflects respect, dignity, and non-discrimination in every patient interaction, this bill aligns with our core mission.

Planned Parenthood of Maryland asks for a favorable report on HB 1365. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Vice President of Public Affairs, Erin Bradley, at erin.bradley@ppm.care.