



Maryland Community Health System

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| Committee: | Senate Finance Committee |
| Bill: | Senate Bill 891 – Health, Health Insurance, and Health Occupations – Perinatal Mental Health Conditions |
| Hearing Date: | February 27, 2026 |
| Position: | Support |

The Maryland Community Health System strongly supports *Senate Bill 891 – Health, Health Insurance, and Health Occupations – Perinatal Mental Health Conditions*. The bill builds upon recommendations of the 2017 Report from the Task Force to Improve Maternal Mental Health on system changes to improve perinatal health outcomes.ⁱ

MCHS is a network of federally qualified health centers providing somatic, behavioral health, and dental care to underserved communities across Maryland. Perinatal mental health is a pervasive, but underreported and undertreated problem, in nearly all of our communities. We support this legislation’s multifaceted, public health approach to making meaningful changes to our healthcare delivery system.

We are participating in the sponsors’ workgroup to hone the language of this legislation. We appreciate the collaborate approach of the sponsors, and we believe the end product will be milestone legislation for Maryland.

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.

ⁱ <https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc5300/sc5339/000113/021600/021622/20170014e.pdf>