



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 794 -Health Insurance – Special Enrollment Period for Pregnancy – Coverage Effective Date

Hearing Date: March 4, 2026

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *Senate Bill 794 – Health Insurance – Special Enrollment Period for Pregnancy – Coverage Effective Date*. The bill allows more flexibility start dates for consumers who enroll in a qualified health plan through a special enrollment period for pregnancy.

ACNM supported the creation of special enrollment periods for pregnancy under the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange in 2019. Pregnant Marylanders can enroll in a qualified health plan and get coverage backdated to when their pregnancy was confirmed. The legislation provides another option for a start date beginning when the consumer selects the plan. This option might work better for some consumers, especially if they had other coverage when they first learned they were pregnant.

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