

Committee: House Health Committee

Bill: House Bill 615 - Facilities – Confidentiality of Medical Records – Crisis Pregnancy Centers

Clinics

Hearing Date: February 18, 2026

Position: Support

The Women's Law Center of Maryland supports the underlying intent of *House Bill 615 – Facilities – Confidentiality of Medical Records – Crisis Pregnancy Centers*. Crisis pregnancy centers collect sensitive health information about pregnancy status, yet generally do not fall under the State's confidentiality of medical records rules under Health General Article 4-301. This legislation aims to address the gap in confidentiality laws. The Maryland General Assembly took a similar step in 2024 with legislation that provides privacy protections to consumer health information collected by online entities, such as period tracking apps.

We understand that the sponsor is working on clarifying amendments, and the Women's Law Center is committed to being a resource on health privacy laws. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at (443) 926-3443 or relliott@policypartners.net.

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