

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Health Committee</b>
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<b>House Bill 1435 Health Insurance – Required Coverage – Hormone-Related Care</b>
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	<b>March 13, 2026</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Favorable</b>

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Planned Parenthood of Maryland (PPM) supports *House Bill 1435 Health Insurance – Required Coverage – Hormone-Related Care*. This bill requires Maryland health insurers, non-profit health service plans, and HMOs to provide coverage for hormone-related care, to include perimenopausal and menopausal symptoms of therapy.

The insurance coverage provisions in House Bill 1435 improve patients' access to clinical assessment, symptom management, and ongoing hormone related care for perimenopause and menopausal Marylanders. The bill advances equitable health care access by ensuring that hormone-related treatment for perimenopause and menopause is recognized as essential, evidence-based health care.

The bill establishes standard coverage requirements across regulated health plans in Maryland. In doing so, it reduces delays, denials, and cost barriers to health care access. 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.

For these reasons, Planned Parenthood of Maryland asks for a favorable report on HB 1435. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Vice President of Public Affairs, Erin Bradley, at [erin.bradley@ppm.care](mailto:erin.bradley@ppm.care).