



# Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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<b>Committee:</b>	<b>House Health Committee</b>
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<b>House Bill 1423</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Maryland Department of Health - Workgroup on Home- and Community-Based Services</b>
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	<b>March 10, 2026</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Support</b>

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The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports House Bill 1423 - Maryland Department of Health - Workgroup on Home- and Community-Based Services. The bill requires the Maryland Department of Health to create a workgroup to study how home- and community-based services (HCBS) are provided to older adults and people with disabilities in Maryland. The group will examine barriers to accessing these services, review how programs are coordinated, and develop recommendations to improve care delivered in homes and community settings rather than institutions.

Occupational therapy practitioners support the bill because it focuses on improving home- and community-based services, where occupational therapy practitioners often help patients live independently. The bill studies barriers to accessing these services and could lead to policies that expand patient access to occupational therapy in home and community settings. It may also improve coordination of care among providers through efforts led by the Maryland Department of Health. Overall, the bill supports goals of occupational therapy such as promoting independence, safety at home, and participation in daily activities.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Michael Paddy at [mpaddy@policypartners.net](mailto:mpaddy@policypartners.net).