



Maryland Community Health System

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| Committee: | House Health Committee |
| Bill: | House Bill 1487 - Public Health – Baltimore City Mobile Infant and Maternal Health Pilot Program |
| Hearing Date: | March 11, 2026 |
| Position: | Support |

Maryland Community Health System supports *House Bill 1487 – Public Health – Baltimore City Mobile Infant and Maternal Health Program*. The bill establishes a “Mom Mobile” pilot program to deliver postpartum services, including mental health screenings.

MCHS is a network of federally qualified health centers providing somatic, behavioral health, and dental care to underserved communities across Maryland. Research has demonstrated that mobile health units can be effective in reaching underserved communities.ⁱ Baltimore is one of the regions in Maryland with significant maternal health disparities, particular among Black women.ⁱⁱ By establishing a mobile unit program, this legislation will support Baltimore’s public health efforts to lower health disparities and improve health outcomes of new moms and their infants.

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://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC5629787/>

ⁱⁱ <https://www.networkforphl.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Black-Maternal-Health-in-Maryland.pdf>