



Maryland Community Health System

Committee:	House Health Committee
Bill:	House Bill 1114 – HIV Prevention Drugs – Prescribing, Dispensing, and Insurance Coverage
Hearing Date:	March 4, 2026
Position:	Support

The Maryland Community Health System supports *House Bill 1114 – HIV Prevention Drugs – Prescribing, Dispensing, and Insurance Coverage*. The bill extends pharmacists' prescriptive authority for pre-exposure to PEP to post-exposure PEP as well as requires insurance and Medicaid coverage of HIV prevention medication.

MCHS is a network of federally qualified health centers providing somatic, behavioral health, and dental care to underserved communities across Maryland. Our health centers have a long history on focusing on preventing and treating HIV across different Maryland communities. In 2023, there were nearly 32,000 people in Maryland living with HIV.ⁱ Maryland has set a 2030 goal of reducing new HIV cases and transmissions by 75%.ⁱⁱ House Bill 1114 will support Maryland meeting this goal by reducing coverage barriers to HIV prevention medication and permitting pharmacists to prescribe post-exposure PEP.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.

ⁱ <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/OIDEOR/CHSE/SiteAssets/Pages/statistics/Maryland-HIV-Progress-Report-2023.pdf#:~:text=Reduce%20the%20number%20of%20new%20HIV%20transmissions%20by%2075%20percent>.

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