



**Committee:** House Health Committee

**Bill:** House Bill 158 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program

**Hearing Date:** February 4, 2026

**Position:** Support with Amendments

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 158 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program*. This legislation establishes a pilot program to support pregnant and postpartum individuals at higher risk of complications due to maternal hypertension or diabetes.

ACNM members strongly support the use of remote blood pressure and glucose monitoring for individuals with hypertension and diabetes, as these conditions are major contributors to maternal morbidity and mortality. Individuals enrolled in Medicaid are more likely to come from communities facing health disparities, and expanding access to tools like this is a step towards improving health outcomes and maternal equity. Additionally, remote patient monitoring can lower the need for frequent in-person visits, reducing barriers to healthcare.

We wanted to highlight that there are other key providers of prenatal care including nurse-midwives, licensed certified midwives, or physicians other than obstetrics/gynecologists and maternal - fetal medicine specialists. We would request an amendment to ensure patients with these prenatal care providers are not excluded from the program:

On page 2, strike and replace lines 10-12 with:

A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER MEANS A PROVIDER:

- (1) ENROLLED IN THE MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND
- (2) PROVIDING PRENATAL CARE TO A PARTICIPANT.”

We ask for a favorable report with amendments on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.