



Maryland Community Health System

Committee:	House Health Committee
Bill:	House Bill 422 – Public Health - Expedited Partner Therapy - Bacterial Vaginosis
Hearing Date:	February 11, 2026
Position:	Support

The Maryland Community Health System (MCHS) supports *House Bill 422 - Public Health - Expedited Partner Therapy - Bacterial Vaginosis*. The bill adds bacterial vaginosis to Maryland's expedited partner therapy law. As a network of federally qualified health centers, MCHS has found Maryland's expedited partner therapy program to be an effective clinical tool to prevent reinfection of our patients from chlamydia, gonorrhea, and trichomoniasis. We support the addition of bacterial vaginosis to this list per the recommendation of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists.ⁱ Bacterial vaginosis is the most common vaginal infection of women of child bearing age.ⁱⁱ

We ask for a favorable report. If any additional information would be helpful, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.

ⁱ <https://www.acog.org/news/news-releases/2025/10/acog-recommends-concurrent-sexual-partner-treatment-recurrent-bacterial-vaginosis-first-time/>

ⁱⁱ <https://health.maryland.gov/phpa/idehashareddocuments/bv.pdf>