



Committee: House Health Committee

Bill: House Bill 1380 – Health Insurance – Prescriptions for Gender-Affirming Care and Hormone Therapy – Coverage and Dispensing Requirements

Hearing Date: March 13, 2026

Position: Support

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly supports *House Bill 1380 – Health Insurance – Prescriptions for Gender-Affirming Care and Hormone Therapy – Coverage and Dispensing Requirements*. The bill requires state-regulated plans to provide coverage for 12-months dispensing of gender affirming care medications as well as permits pharmacists to dispense this quantity of medication.

ACNM strongly supports this legislation because it will help ensure access to gender-affirming medication for Marylanders. With new threats to gender affirming care emerging on the landscape every day, House Bill 1380 will safeguard the health of gender affirming care patients by ensuring that they have access to medication for at least a year. Maryland has already implemented a near identical measure for contraception under House Bill 1283 of 2018.

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