



Maryland Community Health System

Committee:	House Health Committee
Bill:	House Bill 1181 – Health, Health Insurance, and Health Occupations – Perinatal Mental Health Conditions
Hearing Date:	March 13, 2026
Position:	Support

The Maryland Community Health System strongly supports *House Bill 1181 – Health, Health Insurance, and Health Occupations – Perinatal Mental Health Conditions*. The bill builds upon recommendations of the 2017 Report from the Task Force to Improve Maternal Mental Health on system changes to improve perinatal health outcomes.ⁱ

MCHS is a network of federally qualified health centers providing somatic, behavioral health, and dental care to underserved communities across Maryland. Perinatal mental health is a pervasive, but underreported and undertreated problem, in nearly all of our communities. We support this legislation’s multifaceted, public health approach to making meaningful changes to our healthcare delivery system.

We have been participating in the sponsors’ workgroup to hone the language of this legislation. We appreciate the collaborate approach of the sponsors, and we believe the end product will be milestone legislation for Maryland.

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://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc5300/sc5339/000113/021600/021622/20170014e.pdf>