



## Maryland Community Health System

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>House Health Committee</b>
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<b>House Bill 158 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot Program</b>
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	<b>February 4, 2026</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Support with Amendment</b>

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The Maryland Community Health System supports *House Bill 158 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Maternal Health Monitoring Pilot*. We would recommend consideration of a clarifying amendment that recognizes the type of provider who can be involved in providing prenatal care.

MCHS is a network of federally qualified health centers providing somatic, behavioral health, and dental care to underserved communities across Maryland. We support House Bill 158 because it will improve health outcomes for pregnant patients with hypertension or diabetes. These chronic diseases contribute to disparities in pregnancy outcomes for many of the communities served by our health centers.

House Bill 158 will support our patients by establishing a pilot for remote patient monitoring and care coordination with primary care providers. We ask for a clarifying amendment to recognize a broader range of healthcare providers serving pregnant patients. Right now, the bill defines includes only patients with obstetricians/gynecologists or fetal medicine specialists. This limitation could preclude some federally qualified health centers from participating in the pilot, as our pregnant patients may be served by other prenatal care providers including family practitioners and nurse-midwives. We would also note that the definition limits the program to providers licensed in the state and does not recognize practitioners working her under a compact. Therefore, we suggest the following amendment:

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.”

Thank you for consideration of our testimony. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.