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TO: Delegate Heather Bagnall, Chair
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Health Committee Members
FROM: Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus
DATE: 03/02/2026
RE: HB0633 - Health Insurance - Ovarian Cancer Prevention With
Salpingectomy Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost
Sharing

The MLLC supports HB0633 - Health Insurance - Ovarian Cancer Prevention With Salpingectomy - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing

The MLLC is a bipartisan group of Senators and Delegates committed to supporting legislation that improves the lives of Latinos throughout our state. The MLLC is a crucial voice in the development of public policy that uplifts the Latino community and benefits the state of Maryland. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to express our support of HB0633.

Hispanics/Latinos have the highest uninsured rate of any racial or ethnic group in the U.S., with 17% having no health insurance compared.¹ Some factors which contribute to this are language barriers and eligibility based on immigration status. Salpingectomies are highly effective preventive procedures and can reduce the risk for ovarian cancer up to 80%.² However, these kinds of preventative procedures may not always be easily accessible and are expensive.

The data show that Hispanic and Latina women face a specific and documented gap in access to this life-saving procedure. Although salpingectomy for ovarian cancer prevention has been rapidly adopted in the United States, Hispanic women are less likely to undergo the procedure than non-Hispanic White women, and these differences persist even after accounting for insurance coverage, surgical indications, and hospital and provider characteristics. This disparity is further compounded by systemic barriers that Latina patients face throughout the healthcare system. Latina immigrants have lower utilization of preventive screening services, due in part to barriers in access to care including lack of insurance, and research has also found that Latinos who experienced discrimination in a healthcare setting subsequently delayed seeking needed healthcare at significantly higher rates than those without prior discriminatory experiences.

This bill seeks to expand prevention health-care by requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health services plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide individuals with insurance coverage for salpingectomies. As a result, this legislation would tremendously help Hispanic/Latinos individuals gain better access to an important preventative procedure. The bill would also help push for the expansion of health care coverage for all Marylanders, particularly Latino individuals who are disproportionately uninsured.

For these reasons, the Maryland Legislative Latino Caucus respectfully requests a favorable report on HB0633.

¹ [Hispanic/Latino Health | Office of Minority Health](#)

² [One Surgery Could Prevent Most Ovarian Cancers, Surgeons Say | ACS](#)