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**Committee:** Senate Finance Committee

**Bill Number:** Senate Bill 733

**Title:** Public Health – Care of Medically Fragile Individuals (Channing’s Law)

**Hearing Date:** March 10, 2020

**Position:** Support

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The Coordinating Center (The Center) supports *Senate Bill 733 – Public Health – Care of Medically Fragile Individuals (Channing’s Law)*. This bill would establish training standards and processes for nurses and parents who care for medically fragile individuals.

The Center has over 35 years of experience providing care coordination services to individuals with disabilities and complex medical needs who are enrolled in Maryland Medicaid’s home and community-based programs, including those programs which provide private duty nursing services.

In response to legislation passed in 2018 (Ch. 798/2018), The Center participated on a task force in 2018 to study and make recommendations for improving access to home health care for children and adults for medical disabilities. As part of the task force’s final report, there were several recommendations related to creating additional training opportunities for licensed practical nurses and establishing a skills checklist that demonstrate competency.

The Center supports this bill as a common-sense next step in implementing the recommendations of the 2018 task force. This bill is a first step to ensure that licensed practical nurses providing in-home health care services to individuals with disabilities and complex medical needs have access to sufficient training to properly perform their duties.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Rachael Faulkner at [rfaulkner@policypartners.net](mailto:rfaulkner@policypartners.net) or (410) 693-4000.