
Planned Parenthood of Maryland

Committee:	House Appropriations Committee
Bill Number:	House Bill 834 – Public Health – Federal and State Funding for Abortions – Prohibition and Exceptions
Hearing Date:	February 17, 2021
Position:	Oppose

Planned Parenthood of Maryland opposes *House Bill 834 – Public Health – Federal and State Funding for Abortions – Prohibitions and Exceptions*. The bill prohibits federal or State funds from being used to cover abortion services or abortion coverage.

Planned Parenthood of Maryland supports ensuring that all individuals have access to the full range of pregnancy-related services, including abortion services. Insurance coverage is an important factor in supporting access to any health care service, including abortion services. We oppose HB 834 because it would limit access to abortion services for Marylanders who have insurance coverage or direct receive health care services through the following programs:

- Maryland State Employee and Retiree Health Benefits Plan;
- Maryland Medical Assistance Program;
- Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (qualified health plans); or
- Any State or local correctional services facility.

Planned Parenthood of Maryland asks for an unfavorable report on House Bill 834. We believe that reproductive health care services, including abortion care, are health care services.