



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: SB 778 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Children and Pregnant Women (Healthy Babies Equity Act)

Hearing Date: March 8, 2022

Position: Support

Moveable Feast strongly supports *Senate Bill 778 – Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Children and Pregnant Women*. The legislation would provide Medicaid coverage to pregnant individuals who have not been eligible in the past because of immigration status.

Moveable Feast’s mission is to improve the health and quality of life of people with serious illnesses through nutritional counseling and medically-tailored meals. We are committed to health equity for all communities in Maryland. Individuals should have access to insurance coverage regardless of immigration status. This bill advances health equity by extending Medicaid coverage to individuals who are pregnant and from immigrant communities. The program would be state-funded, as federal reimbursement is only available to cover U.S. citizens or people who have been legally in the country for five years.

We ask for a favorable report. If any additional information would be helpful, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.