



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 362 - Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics – Established

Hearing Date: February 14, 2023

Position: Favorable

The Licensed Clinical Professional Counselors of Maryland (LCPCM) supports *House Bill 362 – Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics*. The bill requires the Department of Health to seek a state plan amendment to establish the provider category of certified community behavioral health clinics (CBHCs). CBHCs integrate primary care services with behavioral health services and must adhere the federal criteria established by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMSs). Through Medicaid, the state can draw down matching federal dollars to provide support to CBHCs. This arrangement will allow the state to establish an integrated model of care and improve the health outcomes of people who need behavioral health services.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.