



**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee

**Bill number:** HB 376 - Health Insurance – Diagnostic and Supplemental Examinations for Breast Cancer – Cost-Sharing

**Hearing Date:** February 16, 2023

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) supports *House Bill 376 – Health Insurance – Diagnostic and Supplemental Examinations for Breast Cancer – Cost Sharing*. The bill would prohibit insurers from imposing cost-sharing or deductible requirements for diagnostic and supplemental examinations for breast cancer screenings in certain circumstances.

ACNM supports this measure because cost could cause some women to delay obtaining diagnostic screenings for breast cancer.<sup>1</sup> While the Affordable Care Act requires insurance plans to cover preventative breast cancer screenings, there can be significant cost-sharing for any follow-up screenings.<sup>2</sup> Women with abnormal or inconclusive preventative breast cancer screenings should not face cost barriers in obtaining needed follow-up care.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://khn.org/news/article/follow-up-diagnostic-tests-costs/>

<sup>2</sup> Lowry KP, Bell S, Fendrick AM, Carlos RC. Out-of-Pocket Costs of Diagnostic Breast Imaging Services After Screening Mammography Among Commercially Insured Women From 2010 to 2017. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2021;4(8):e2121347. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.21347