



House Health and Government Operations Committee

March 27, 2025

Senate Bill 447 – *Hospitals – Emergency Pregnancy-Related Medical Conditions – Procedures*

POSITION: SUPPORT

On behalf of MedChi, The Maryland State Medical Society, the Maryland Chapter of the American College of Emergency Physicians, and the Maryland Section of The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, we submit this letter of support for Senate Bill 447. As amended, this bill narrowly codifies the federal Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) in State law as it relates to an “emergency pregnancy-related medical condition.” If a hospital determines that a patient has an emergency pregnancy-related medical condition, the hospital must (1) using the staff and facilities available to the hospital, provide further examination and the treatment required to “stabilize” the emergency pregnancy-related medical condition, including the termination of a pregnancy when medically necessary to stabilize the patient or (2) transfer the patient to another medical facility.

Maryland has led the way in securing reproductive rights. Senate Bill 447 is a next step in ensuring that Maryland not only protects the fundamental right to reproductive freedom but also guarantees access to care for all who need it by ensuring that the State will enforce EMTALA as it relates to pregnancy-related medical conditions. We urge a favorable vote.

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