



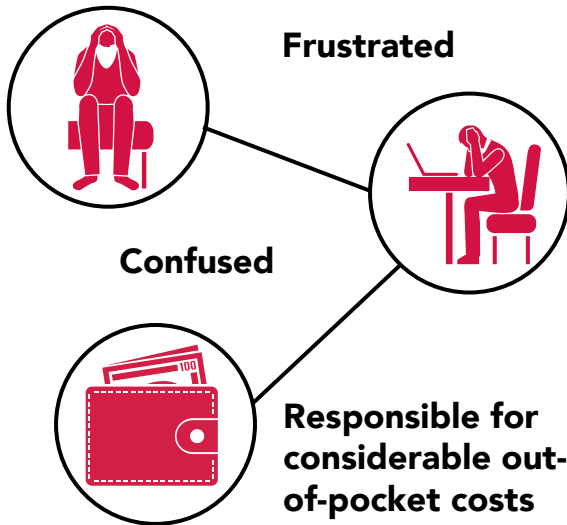
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Vote YES on SB 929/HB 1318 to give Marylanders better, faster access to health care providers

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Provider Directories

Inaccurate information on provider directories means Marylanders are more likely to be:



Provider Networks

Inadequate provider networks means that Marylanders:



Cannot fully evaluate insurance plans at the time of purchase

Pay higher insurance premiums without access to the care they need



Are forced to delay or forgo critical care or seek it at hospitals and other more intensive and expensive settings

WHAT'S THE ANSWER? SB 929/HB 1318

Network Access Standards and Improved Provider Network Directories will help Marylanders with:

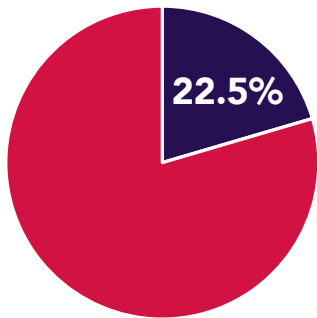
- 1) STRONGER** consumer rights and greater transparency
- 2) Both ACCURATE AND ADEQUATE** information in provider directories
- 3) CLEAR AND SPECIFIC** network adequacy standards that are enforceable

Vote Yes!

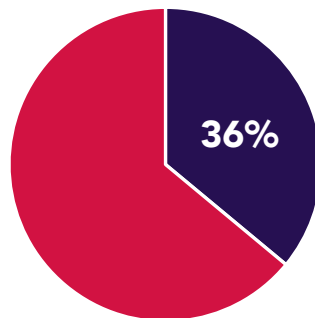
Make sure Marylanders can find a health care provider, get the care they need when they need it and avoid unnecessary out of pocket expenses

The Need to Act NOW: Recent Survey Results from Provider Network Directories

OB/GYNs

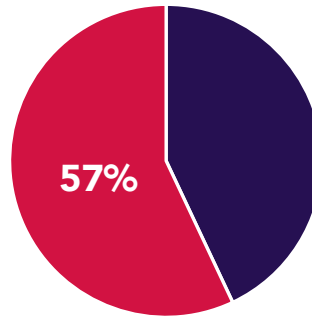


Less than 1 in 4* were available for new patients seeking a well-woman visit in 4 weeks or less¹

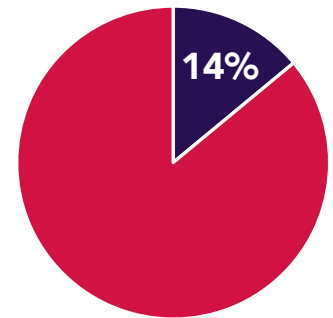


More than 1/3rd* were unavailable due to inaccurate contact information, no longer in practice or incorrect specialty

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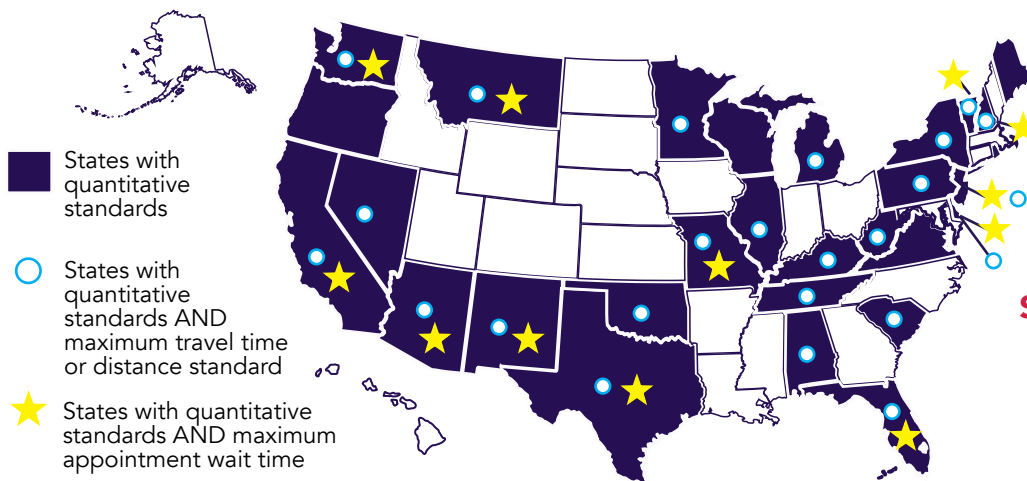
More than 1/2* could not be reached due to inaccurate information, including specialty errors or no longer in practice²



Only 14%* were available for a new patient appointment in 6 weeks or less

* of those listed in the directory

Maryland's Falling Behind on Network Standards



Maryland is one of 22 states and the District of Columbia with **NO QUANTITATIVE STANDARDS IN PLACE to protect them and ensure adequate networks.**

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¹ <http://www.mdhealthcarereform.org/home/network-adequacy-in-maryland-a-coalition-report-on-provider.html#.VsSWQ8ezxw9>

² <https://www.mhamd.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/2014-QHP-Psychiatric-Network-Adequacy-Report.pdf>