

May 19, 2026

Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Letter of Support for Marathon Health Advanced Primary Care Grant Application

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Charles County Government, we are pleased to support Marathon Health and its application for funding through the Maryland Health Care Commission's Rural Health Transformation Program to expand access to primary care in rural Maryland communities.

Like many public sector employers, Charles County Government continues to face rising healthcare costs, limited access to primary care providers, growing behavioral health needs, and workforce recruitment and retention challenges. We believe an Advanced Primary Care (APC) model can help improve healthcare access, employee health outcomes, and long-term health plan sustainability.

Marathon Health is already partnered with numerous counties, municipalities, and school districts throughout the region. Based on the experience of these peer organizations, we believe the opportunity for meaningful healthcare savings and improved employee engagement is real and achievable. We also view access to an APC center as a valuable recruiting and retention tool for employees and their families.

If Marathon Health successfully establishes an APC center in our county, Charles County Government would strongly consider attributing eligible employees and dependents enrolled in our health plan to utilize the center as a primary source of care. The integrated APC model, including preventive care, chronic condition management, behavioral health support, and care navigation, aligns with our goals of improving employee health while responsibly managing healthcare costs.

Access to grant funding through the Maryland Health Care Commission would be a significant catalyst to move forward with access to a proven primary care model that can otherwise be difficult to implement due to startup and infrastructure costs. Grant support would meaningfully improve the feasibility of launching these services within our community.

We appreciate the Commission's leadership in supporting innovative approaches that expand access to primary care services across Maryland.

Thank you for your consideration of Marathon Health's application.

Sincerely,

**Charles County Commissioners**