



MSBA Bill Report 4B - Health Law

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February 9, 2024

MD - HB933 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - 9-8-8 Trust Fund Fees

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jessica Feldmark (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing a 9-8-8 fee to be paid by each subscriber to switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, or other 9-8-8-accessible service; establishing a prepaid wireless 9-8-8 fee to be paid on certain retail transactions; requiring the Comptroller to deposit the 9-8-8 fees and the prepaid wireless 9-8-8 fees in the 9-8-8 Trust Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to adopt procedures for auditing fee collection and remittance by telephone companies and commercial mobile radio service providers.

Cross-filed Bill: SB974

Statutes Amended:

7.5-5A-01,

7.5-5A-02,

7.5-5A-03.1, 7.5-5A-03.2,

7.5-5A-04 Article - Health - General

MD - HB1036 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Maternal Fetal Medicine Services - Reimbursement

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Stephanie Smith (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to reimburse physicians billing for maternal fetal medicine services at the rate set under the federal Medicare fee schedule.

Cross-filed Bill: SB716

Statutes Amended:

15-112.1 Article - Health - General

MD - HB1040 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Limited Behavioral Health Services

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jamila J. Woods (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring, beginning January 1, 2025, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide limited behavioral health services to individuals under the age of 18 years regardless of whether the individual has a behavioral health diagnosis; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to seek input from stakeholders in determining the limited behavioral health services to be covered; and requiring by January 1 each year, the Department to report to the General Assembly on the limited behavioral health services provided under the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: SB876

Statutes Amended:

15-103,

15-141.5 Article - Health - General

MD - HB1043 Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities - Study

Last Action: Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 22, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Insurance Administration jointly to conduct a study of Maryland Medical Assistance Program and commercial health insurance

coverage to measure the number and percentage of individuals who have been denied health coverage for the treatment of an intellectual disability from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025, both inclusive; and requiring the Department and the Administration to jointly report their findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

Cross-filed Bill: SB945

[MD - HB1048 Behavioral Health Advisory Council and Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering the membership and terms of members of the Behavioral Health Advisory Council; requiring the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access to meet jointly with the Council; and requiring the Commission, in coordination with the Council, to make recommendations regarding the financing structure and quality oversight necessary to integrate somatic and behavioral health services in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

Cross-filed Bill: SB212

[MD - HB1051 Maternal Health Assessments, Referrals, and Reporting \(Maryland Maternal Health Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jennifer White Holland (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing requirements on local health departments and certain health care providers and facilities regarding maternal health, including requirements regarding prenatal risk assessment

forms and postpartum infant and maternal referral forms; prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from providing Medical Assistance Program reimbursement to a hospital or freestanding birthing center unless the facility complies with certain provisions of the Act; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1059

Statutes Amended:

15-101,
15-155, 19-301,
19-310.4, 19-3B-01,
19-3B-03.1, 24-2401, 24-2402 Article - Health - General

MD - HB1053 State Board of Nursing - Executive Director Qualifications - Study

Last Action: Text - First - State Board of Nursing - Executive Director Qualifications - Study (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a stakeholder workgroup to study the qualifications for the executive director of the State Board of Nursing and submit a report on the workgroup's findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2024.

MD - HB1054 Physicians - Licensing - Foreign Practicing Physicians

Last Action: Text - First - Physicians - Licensing - Foreign Practicing Physicians (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Exempting a foreign practicing physician applicant for a license from certain education requirements under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Physicians to establish a consortium of postgraduate medical education programs for the purpose of developing, implementing, and administering an examination to assess the ability of a foreign practicing physician to meet the standard of care for the independent practice of medicine; etc.

Statutes Amended:

14-101,
14-308,
14-316,
14-319.1 Article - Health Occupations

MD - HB1056 State Board of Pharmacy - Prohibition on Discrimination Against 340B Drug Distribution

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Pam Lanman Guzzone (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting a 340B manufacturer, wholesale drug distributor, or third-party logistics provider, or an agent or affiliate of a 340B manufacturer, wholesale drug distributor, or third-party logistics provider, from taking certain actions to limit or restrict the acquisition or delivery of a 340B drug; and making a violation of this Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice within the meaning of the Consumer Protection Act.

Statutes Amended:

12-101,
12-6C-09.1 Article - Health Occupations
13-301 Article - Commercial Law

MD - HB1057 Task Force to Study the Use and Possession of De Minimis Quantities of Controlled Dangerous Substances

Last Action: Text - First - Task Force to Study the Use and Possession of De Minimis Quantities of Controlled Dangerous Substances (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Use and Possession of De Minimis Quantities of Controlled Dangerous Substances; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2025.

[MD - HB1078 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Remote Ultrasound Procedures and Remote Fetal Nonstress Tests](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jamila J. Woods (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide remote ultrasound procedures and remote fetal nonstress tests if the patient is in a residence or a location other than the office of the patient's provider and the provider follows the same standard of care that the provider would follow when providing the services on-site.

Statutes Amended:

15-103,

15-141.5 Article - Health - General

[MD - HB1084 Employee Autoimmune Disorder Protection Act](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ashanti Martinez (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting an employer from requiring an employee to work on-site at the employer's workplace if the employee provides documentation from a physician or other licensed health care practitioner

that the employee has been diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder or other qualifying illness and that on-site work, or travel to and from the workplace, would be unsafe for the employee and the duties of the employee may reasonably be fulfilled at the home of the employee.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1061

Statutes Amended:

3-103,

3-1801 through 3-1805 Article - Labor and Employment

[MD - HB1085 Maryland Insurance Administration - Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Reporting Requirements - Revisions and Sunset Repeal](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 22, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering certain reporting requirements on health insurance carriers relating to compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; altering requirements for certain analyses of nonquantitative treatment limitations required of health insurance carriers; establishing certain remedies the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may use to enforce compliance with the reporting requirements; repealing the requirement that the Commissioner use a certain form for the reporting requirements; etc.

Statutes Amended:

15-144 Article - Insurance

2020 Article - Chapter of the Acts

[MD - HB1091 Public Safety - Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program - Establishment \(Protecting Reproductive Health Care Clinics Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Public Safety - Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program - Establishment (Protecting Reproductive Health Care Clinics Act) (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Joe Vogel (D)

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Summary:

Establishing the Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program in the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to assist reproductive health care clinics in the State with costs associated with security improvements and safety operational expenses; and authorizing the Governor in fiscal year 2026 to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Program.

Cross-filed Bill: SB975

MD - HB1100 Health - Child Advocacy Centers - Reporting Requirements and Investigations

Last Action: Text - First - Health - Child Advocacy Centers - Reporting Requirements and Investigations (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jon S. Cardin (D)

Committees:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Requiring child advocacy centers to report annually to the Behavioral Health Administration certain information related to behavioral health care services provided at the center; requiring the Administration to include in its annual report certain information related to child advocacy centers; and authorizing the Secretary of Health to investigate certain complaints related to child advocacy centers.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1110

Statutes Amended:

24-2401 through 24-2404, 2-503,
7.5-209,
7.5-209.1 Article - Health - General

MD - HB1105 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses - Certification Requirement and Exceptions

Last Action: Text - First - Advanced Practice Registered Nurses - Certification Requirement and Exceptions (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jamila J. Woods (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring an individual, subject to certain exceptions, to be certified as an advanced practice registered nurse before practicing advanced practice registered nursing in the State.

Statutes Amended:

8-301 Article - Health Occupations

MD - HB1123 Maryland Health Care Commission Health Care Facilities Cybersecurity for Hospitals

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland Health Care Commission Health Care Facilities Cybersecurity for Hospitals (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kenneth Kerr (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to adopt minimum cybersecurity standards for hospitals and take certain other actions related to the cybersecurity of hospitals, including supporting hospitals that do not meet the minimum cybersecurity standards; requiring hospitals to comply with the cybersecurity standards adopted by the Commission; and requiring the Secretary of Health to consider cybersecurity standards for hospitals when issuing a license to a hospital.

Statutes Amended:

19-103,

19-113 Article - Health - General

MD - HB1125 Certified Nursing Assistants - Licensing Requirements and Administrative Updates

Last Action: Text - First - Certified Nursing Assistants - Licensing Requirements and Administrative Updates (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kenneth Kerr (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Exempting an individual who practices as a certain nursing assistant for less than 4 months under federal regulations from the State's certification requirement; altering the designation of, and licensure requirements for, certified nursing assistants and geriatric nursing assistants; requiring an applicant for certification as a certified nursing assistant to complete a nursing assistant competency evaluation; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB999

Statutes Amended:

19-1410,

19-1410.2,

24-1901 Article - Health - General

8-6A-01,

8-6A-02,

8-6A-05,

8-6A-07,

8-6A-08,
8-6A-14,
8-701,
8-703 Article - Health Occupations

MD - HB1127 Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations Conducted Through Telehealth - Reimbursement and Study

Last Action: Text - First - Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations Conducted Through Telehealth - Reimbursement and Study (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing the reimbursement of a sexual assault forensic exam conducted through telehealth under certain circumstances; and requiring the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee to conduct a study on the feasibility of a telehealth program that includes a pilot program for conducting sexual assault forensic examinations through telehealth; and requiring the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

Cross-filed Bill: SB950

Statutes Amended:

11-1007 Article - Criminal Procedure

MD - HB1134 Hospitals and Related Institutions Residential Treatment Centers Accreditation

Last Action: Text - First - Hospitals and Related Institutions Residential Treatment Centers Accreditation (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Heather Bagnall (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Altering the definition of "accredited residential treatment center" for certain provisions of law governing hospitals and related institutions to include residential treatment centers accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities or the Council on Accreditation.

Cross-filed Bill: SB403

Statutes Amended:

19-301,

19-360 Article - Health - General

MD - HB1143 Emergency Medical Services - Maryland Emergency Department Wait Time Reduction Commission and Standardized Protocols - Establishment

Last Action: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Harry Bhandari (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing the Maryland Emergency Department Wait Time Reduction Commission in the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to enhance the overall effectiveness and responsiveness of emergency medical services; requiring the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, with the advice of the Commission, and in consultation with certain entities, to develop certain standardized operational protocols and establish a system for monitoring certain emergency department performance; etc.

Statutes Amended:

13-509.1, 13-509.2 Article - Education

MD - HB1148 Health Care Facilities Notice to Consumers Out-of-Network Status (Health Care Provider Out-of-Network Information Act)

Last Action: Text - First - Health Care Facilities Notice to Consumers Out-of-Network Status (Health Care Provider Out-of-Network Information Act) (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Speaker

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring out-of-network health care facilities to provide certain information to a consumer and obtain certain consent before providing a health care service; requiring that certain out-of-network status information be provided in a certain consent form; prohibiting an out-of-network health care facility from charging, billing, or attempting to collect an amount in excess of the consumer's in-network cost unless the consumer is provided certain notice and provided consent; and making a violation of the Act an unfair trade practice.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1104

Statutes Amended:

13-301 Article - Commercial Law

19-2601 through 19-2604 Article - Health - General

MD - HB1149 Hospitals and Related Institutions - Outpatient Facility Fees

Last Action: Text - First - Hospitals and Related Institutions - Outpatient Facility Fees (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Speaker

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Altering the definition of "hospital" to require a hospital located outside the State that provides outpatient services to patients in the State to provide a certain written notice regarding outpatient facility fees under certain circumstances; altering the required contents of the written notice regarding outpatient facility fees; and requiring the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission to study and make recommendations regarding hospital outpatient facility fees.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1103

Statutes Amended:

19-349.2 Article - Health - General

MD - HB1155 Hospitals - Opioid Overdose - Medication-Assisted Treatment

Last Action: Text - First - Hospitals - Opioid Overdose - Medication-Assisted Treatment (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Vaughn Stewart (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring hospitals to establish and maintain certain protocols and capacity related to the treatment of patients who are being treated for an opioid-related overdose; requiring hospitals to connect patients who are administered or prescribed medication-assisted treatment to an appropriate provider to voluntarily continue treatment under certain circumstances; and requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2026 from the Opioid Restitution Fund.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1071

Statutes Amended:

19-308.10 Article - Health - General

7-331 Article - State Finance and Procurement

[MD - HB1171 Nonprescription Drugs and Devices Provision by Registered Nurses and Sale of Contraceptives Through Automatic Devices](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Nonprescription Drugs and Devices Provision by Registered Nurses and Sale of Contraceptives Through Automatic Devices (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nicole A. Williams (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Repealing the prohibition on the sale of certain contraceptives by means of a vending machine or other automatic device; and authorizing registered nurses to provide, without a prescription, nonprescription drugs and devices in a local health department under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: SB944

[MD - HB1176 Home- and Community-Based Services Waiver - Eligibility](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Home- and Community-Based Services Waiver - Eligibility (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Altering the financial eligibility criteria for the home- and community-based services waiver submitted by the Maryland Department of Health to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include categorically needy individuals with an income disregard up to 300% of the Supplemental Security Income monthly benefit amount and a certain community spouse resource allowance; requiring the Department to adopt regulations to establish a timeline within which the Department is required to approve or deny the application of an applicant; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1057

Statutes Amended:

15-132 Article - Health - General

[MD - HB1177 Continuing Care Retirement Communities - Subscriber Rights and Provider Duties](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Providing that certain individuals, before signing a continuing care agreement, are entitled to a certain visit and certain information; authorizing subscribers in a continuing care retirement community to take certain actions and to participate in certain activities; requiring certain providers to undertake certain actions and to provide certain information; authorizing the establishment of a certain resident association under certain circumstances; etc.

Statutes Amended:

10-101,
10-427,
10-451, 10-452 Article - Human Services

[MD - HB1194 Hospitals Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans Establishment \(Safe Staffing Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Hospitals Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans Establishment (Safe Staffing Act of 2024) (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jennifer White Holland (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring each hospital licensed in the State to establish and maintain a clinical staffing committee and to implement a clinical staffing plan; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to conduct investigations regarding alleged violations of certain provisions of this Act; and authorizing the Health Services Cost Review Commission to take certain actions if the Commission determines a violation has occurred.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1020

Statutes Amended:

19-388 through 19-398 Article - Health - General

[MD - HB1233 Public Health - Abortion](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Public Health - Abortion (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ric Metzgar (R)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring that an abortion be performed by a physician, rather than a qualified provider; repealing certain provisions of law related to State interference with an abortion, regulations related to abortion, and liability or criminal punishment for qualified providers who perform an abortion; prohibiting a physician from knowingly performing, inducing, or attempting to perform or induce an abortion under certain circumstances and subject to certain exceptions; etc.

Statutes Amended:

20-202, 20-204 through 20-212, 20-207,
20-208,
20-209,
20-211, 20-214 Article - Health - General

MD - HB1253 Health Care Facilities - Access to Telephones

Last Action: Text - First - Health Care Facilities - Access to Telephones (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ric Metzgar (R)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring, on or before January 1, 2025, certain health care facilities to implement a program to provide individuals admitted to the health care facility reasonable access to a telephone.

Cross-filed Bill: SB813

Statutes Amended:

19-353.1 Article - Health - General

MD - HB1259 Health Insurance - Breast and Lung Cancer Screening - Coverage Requirements

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Tiffany T. Alston (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Including image-guided breast biopsy in the definition of "supplemental breast examination" for the purpose of certain provisions of law requiring insurers, health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for supplemental breast examinations; clarifying that coverage requirements for lung cancer screening apply to follow-up diagnostic imaging; etc.

Statutes Amended:

15-814.1,
15-860 Article - Insurance

MD - HB1263 Assisted Living Programs - Assisted Living Referrers - Requirements and Prohibitions

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing certain requirements for assisted living referrers, including requirements related to the maintenance of general liability insurance, criminal history records checks, the maintenance and provision of certain agreements and documents, and assisted living program tours; prohibiting an assisted living referrer from requesting payment for a referral more than 1 year after the referral is made; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB952

Statutes Amended:

19-1813 Article - Health - General

[MD - HB1270 Health Benefit Plans - Prescription Drugs - Rebates and Calculation of Cost Sharing Requirements](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Pam Lanman Guzzone (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring that the calculation of an enrollee's contribution to a cost sharing requirement for a prescription drug be based on the list price of the drug reduced by at least 85% of the total amount of rebates received or expected to be received by the carrier or pharmacy benefits manager for the dispensing or administration of the prescription drug; and prohibiting the disclosure of certain information concerning rebates.

Statutes Amended:

15-118.1,

15-1601,

15-1611.3 Article - Insurance

MD - HB1277 Security Guards Use of Force Reporting Health Care Related Physical Interventions

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Elizabeth Embry (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Providing that a health care-related physical intervention does not constitute use of force for purposes relating to a certain report required to be made to the Secretary of State Police; and prohibiting a certain report from including information that is prohibited from disclosure by State or federal law.

Cross-filed Bill: SB729

Statutes Amended:

19-414 Article - Business Occupations and Professions

MD - HB1283 Insurance - Discrimination - Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ashanti Martinez (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting discrimination based on an individual's sexual orientation or gender identity by an insurer, an insurance producer, a surety insurer, and a health network when engaging in certain insurance-related business practices.

Statutes Amended:

15-1A-22,

27-501,

27-502,

27-503,

27-910 Article - Insurance

[MD - HB1289 State Board of Social Work Examiners - Practice Social Work - Definition and Scope of Authority](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 22, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering the definition of "practice social work" to clarify the types of assessments that may be performed by a licensee, add biopsychosocial treatment as a treatment option, and clarify the scope of practice for individuals licensed as certified social worker-clinical; and authorizing the Board of Social Work Examiners to adopt regulations regarding requirements for engagement in additional acts of social work otherwise authorized by law but not specifically by the Board.

Statutes Amended:

19-101,

19-205 Article - Health Occupations

[MD - HB1298 Family Law - Paternity - Surname \(Maryland Paternal Naming Rights Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Family Law - Paternity - Surname (Maryland Paternal Naming Rights Act) (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Caylin Young (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Authorizing the father of a child to file a petition to add the father's surname to the child's name under certain circumstances and establishing related court procedures; and requiring the Maryland Judiciary to develop and update, as appropriate, a training program for judges presiding over petitions filed under the Act.

Statutes Amended:

4-214 Article - Health - General

5-1049 Article - Family Law

[MD - SB912 Courts - Immunity From Liability - Maryland Safe Haven Program](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mike McKay (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering, clarifying, and expanding certain provisions of law relating to the immunity from liability of a parent who leaves an unharmed newborn with a responsible adult under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Human Services to develop, implement, and maintain a public information program to inform the public about the Maryland Safe Haven Program; and requiring the Secretary of Human Services to annually submit a report to the General Assembly about the Maryland Safe Haven Program beginning December 31, 2025.

Statutes Amended:

5-641 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

[MD - SB944 Nonprescription Drugs and Devices - Provision by Registered Nurses and Sale of Contraceptives Through Automatic Devices](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance) (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Committees:

Finance (Senate)

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 12, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Repealing the prohibition on the sale of certain contraceptives by means of a vending machine or other automatic device; and authorizing registered nurses to provide, without a prescription, nonprescription drugs and devices in a local health department under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1171

[MD - SB945 Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Individuals With Intellectual Disabilities - Study](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m. (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland Insurance Administration jointly to conduct a study of Maryland Medical Assistance Program and commercial health insurance coverage to measure the number and percentage of individuals who have been denied health coverage for the treatment of an intellectual disability from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025, both inclusive; and requiring the Department and the Administration to jointly report their findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1043

[MD - SB947 Abortion Care Access Grant Program and Fund - Establishment](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance) (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Committees:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing the Abortion Care Access Grant Program to provide grants to improve access to abortion care services for individuals in the State; establishing the Abortion Care Access Grant Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grants under the Program; and requiring that certain premium funds collected by health insurance carriers be used to provide certain coverage and to support improving access to abortion care services under certain circumstances.

Statutes Amended:

13-5201 through 13-5204 Article - Health - General

15-147 Article - Insurance

190.,

6-226 Article - State Finance and Procurement

[MD - SB950 Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations Conducted Through Telehealth - Reimbursement and Study](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations Conducted Through Telehealth - Reimbursement and Study (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Shelly Hettleman (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing the reimbursement of a sexual assault forensic exam conducted through telehealth under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee to conduct a study on the feasibility of a telehealth program that includes a pilot program for conducting sexual assault forensic examinations through telehealth; and requiring the Committee to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

Statutes Amended:

11-1007 Article - Criminal Procedure

[MD - SB952 Assisted Living Programs - Assisted Living Referrers - Requirements and Prohibitions](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Shelly Hettleman (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing certain requirements for assisted living referrers, including requirements related to the maintenance of general liability insurance, criminal history records checks, the maintenance and provision of certain agreements and documents, and assisted living program tours; prohibiting an assisted living referrer from requesting payment for a referral more than 1 year after the referral is made; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1263

Statutes Amended:

19-1813 Article - Health - General

[MD - SB974 Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - 9-8-8 Trust Fund Fees](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - 9-8-8 Trust Fund Fees (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Guy Guzzone (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: West Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing a 9-8-8 fee to be paid by each subscriber to switched local exchange access service, commercial mobile radio service, or other 9-8-8-accessible service; establishing a prepaid wireless 9-8-8 fee to be paid on certain retail transactions; requiring the Comptroller to deposit the 9-8-8 fees and the prepaid wireless 9-8-8 fees in the 9-8-8 Trust Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to adopt procedures for auditing fee collection and remittance by telephone companies and commercial mobile radio service providers.

Cross-filed Bill: HB933

Statutes Amended:

7.5-5A-01,

7.5-5A-02,

7.5-5A-03.1, 7.5-5A-03.2,

7.5-5A-04 Article - Health - General

[MD - SB975 Public Safety Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program Establishment \(Supporting Reproductive Health Care Clinics Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Public Safety Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program Establishment (Supporting Reproductive Health Care Clinics Act) (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Sarah K. Elfreth (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing the Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program in the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to assist reproductive health care clinics in the State with costs associated with security improvements and safety operational expenses; and authorizing the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Program.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1091

Statutes Amended:

4-1701 Article - Public Safety

[MD - SB986 State Board of Pharmacy - Prohibition on Discrimination Against 340B Drug Distribution](#)

Last Action: Text - First - State Board of Pharmacy - Prohibition on Discrimination Against 340B Drug Distribution (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 8, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting a 340B manufacturer, wholesale drug distributor, or third-party logistics provider, or an agent or affiliate of a 340B manufacturer, wholesale drug distributor, or third-party logistics provider, from taking certain actions to limit or restrict the acquisition or delivery of a 340B drug; and making a violation of this Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice within the meaning of the Consumer Protection Act.

Statutes Amended:

12-101,

12-6C-09.1 Article - Health Occupations

13-301 Article - Commercial Law

[MD - SB988 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Directed Mental Health Services - Pilot Program](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Directed Mental Health Services - Pilot Program (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 8, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing the Self-Directed Mental Health Services Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health to facilitate access to clinically appropriate, person-centered, culturally responsive, and trauma-informed self-directed services in the most integrated setting appropriate for certain recipients of services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring the Governor in fiscal years 2026 through 2028, to include \$1,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the program; and requiring a certain report.

Statutes Amended:

15-1201 through 15-1207 Article - Health - General

[MD - SB990 Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols, and Prior Authorization - Prescription Drugs to Treat Serious Mental Illness](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols, and Prior Authorization - Prescription Drugs to Treat Serious Mental Illness (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Clarence K. Lam (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations from applying a prior authorization requirement, step therapy protocol, or fail-first protocol for drugs to treat certain mental illnesses or a medication-induced movement disorder associated with the treatment of a serious mental illness.

Statutes Amended:

15-102.3,

15-155 Article - Health - General

15-142,
15-851.1 Article - Insurance

[MD - SB996 Advanced Practice Registered Nurses - Professional Liability Insurance Coverage - Notification Requirements](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Advanced Practice Registered Nurses - Professional Liability Insurance Coverage - Notification Requirements (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring advanced practice registered nurses practicing as an advanced practice registered nurse in the State to notify patients in writing if the nurse does not maintain professional liability insurance coverage or if the coverage has lapsed and no been renewed; requiring that the notification be provided at certain visits and as part of certain informed consents, signed by a patient at certain times, and retained as part of the advanced practice registered nurse's patient records; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB759

Statutes Amended:

8-515 Article - Health Occupations

[MD - SB997 Health - Vital Records - Electronic Filing and Storage](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering the date, to January 1, 2028, by which the Secretary of Health is required to establish a process by which death certificates can be filed electronically and requiring that the process allow all

vital records to be filed electronically; and requiring the Secretary to store vital records in a searchable electronic database.

Statutes Amended:

4-201,

4-203 Article - Health - General

MD - SB999 Certified Nursing Assistants - Licensing Requirements and Administrative Updates

Last Action: Text - First - Certified Nursing Assistants - Licensing Requirements and Administrative Updates (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Pamela Beidle (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Exempting an individual who practices as a certain nursing assistant for less than 4 months under federal regulations from the State's certification requirement; altering the designation of, and licensure requirements for, certified nursing assistants and geriatric nursing assistants; requiring an applicant for certification as a certified nursing assistant to complete a nursing assistant competency evaluation; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1125

Statutes Amended:

19-1410,

19-1410.2,

24-1901 Article - Health - General

8-6A-01,

8-6A-02,

8-6A-05,

8-6A-07,

8-6A-08,

8-6A-14,

8-701,

8-703 Article - Health Occupations

MD - SB1006 Hospitals - Medical Debt Collection - Sale of Patient Debt

Last Action: Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Antonio Hayes (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 8, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing a hospital, under certain circumstances, to sell the medical debt of patients if the debt is sold to a governmental unit or an entity that is under contract with the unit for the purpose of canceling the debt; and requiring that a hospital's financial policy require the hospital to dismiss actions pending against a patient for the collection of debt that was sold and prohibit the hospital from engaging in specified collection activities on patient debt that was sold.

Statutes Amended:

19-214.2 Article - Health - General

[MD - SB1009 Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Brian J. Feldman (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; and requiring the Task Force to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 31, 2025.

Cross-filed Bill: HB548

[MD - SB1016 Health Occupations - Prescriptions for Children Subject to Joint Custody](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Health Occupations - Prescriptions for Children Subject to Joint Custody (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Nick Charles (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 12, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring health care providers who are authorized to prescribe to double the amount of each drug prescribed for a child if a parent of the child presents the prescriber with a court order of joint legal custody with a right of medical decision making; and requiring a health care provider authorized to dispense prescription drugs to dispense the doubled prescription under certain circumstances.

Statutes Amended:

1-229 Article - Health Occupations

[MD - SB1020 Hospitals - Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans - Establishment \(Safe Staffing Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Alonzo T. Washington (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring each hospital licensed in the State to establish and maintain a clinical staffing committee and to implement a clinical staffing plan; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to conduct investigations regarding alleged violations of certain provisions of this Act; and authorizing the Health Services Cost Review Commission to take certain actions if the Commission determines a violation has occurred.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1194

Statutes Amended:

19-388 through 19-398 Article - Health - General

[MD - SB1057 Home and Community Based Services Waiver Eligibility](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Home and Community Based Services Waiver Eligibility (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Benjamin F. Kramer (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 12, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering the financial eligibility criteria for the home- and community-based services waiver submitted by the Maryland Department of Health to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to include categorically needy individuals with an income disregard up to 300% of the Supplemental Security Income monthly benefit amount and a certain community spouse resource allowance; requiring the Department to adopt regulations to establish a timeline within which the Department is required to approve or deny the application of an applicant; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1176

Statutes Amended:

15-132 Article - Health - General

[MD - SB1059 Maternal Health Assessments, Referrals, and Reporting \(Maryland Maternal Health Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Arthur Ellis (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing requirements on local health departments and certain health care providers and facilities regarding maternal health, including requirements regarding prenatal risk assessment forms and postpartum infant and maternal referral forms; prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from providing Medical Assistance Program reimbursement to a hospital or freestanding birthing center unless the facility complies with certain provisions of the Act; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1051

Statutes Amended:

15-101,
15-155, 19-301,
19-310.4, 19-3B-01,
19-3B-03.1, 24-2401, 24-2402 Article - Health - General

MD - SB1061 Employee Autoimmune Disorder Protection Act

Last Action: Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Arthur Ellis (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting an employer from requiring an employee to work on-site at the employer's workplace if the employee provides documentation from a physician or other licensed health care practitioner that the employee has been diagnosed with an autoimmune disorder or other qualifying illness and that on-site work, or travel to and from the workplace, would be unsafe for the employee and the duties of the employee may reasonably be fulfilled at the home of the employee.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1084

Statutes Amended:

3-103,
3-1801 through 3-1805 Article - Labor and Employment

MD - SB1071 Hospitals - Opioid Overdose - Medication-Assisted Treatment

Last Action: Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mike McKay (R)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 14, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring hospitals to establish and maintain certain protocols and capacity related to the treatment of patients who are being treated for an opioid-related overdose; requiring hospitals to connect patients who are administered or prescribed medication-assisted treatment to an appropriate provider to voluntarily continue treatment under certain circumstances; and requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2026 from the Opioid Restitution Fund.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1155

Statutes Amended:

19-308.10 Article - Health - General

7-331 Article - State Finance and Procurement

MD - SB1099 Emergency Services - Automated External Defibrillator and Naloxone Co-Location Initiative - Requirements for Public Buildings

Last Action: Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator William C. Smith, Jr. (D)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: West Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the State Emergency Medical Services Board, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop and implement an initiative under the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program to require that naloxone be co-located with each automated external defibrillator placed in a public building; establishing a certain immunity from liability for individuals who administer naloxone made available under the initiative in response to a known or suspected drug overdose; etc.

Statutes Amended:

13-517,

13-518 Article - Education

2-801 Article - State Finance and Procurement

MD - SB1103 Hospitals and Related Institutions Outpatient Facility Fees

Last Action: Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: President

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 12, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EDT)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering the definition of "hospital" to require a hospital located outside the State that provides outpatient services to patients in the State to provide a certain written notice regarding outpatient facility fees under certain circumstances; altering the required contents of the written notice regarding outpatient facility fees; and requiring the Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission to study and make recommendations regarding hospital outpatient facility fees.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1149

Statutes Amended:

19-349.2 Article - Health - General

[MD - SB1104 Health Care Facilities Notice to Consumers Out of Network Status \(Health Care Provider Out of Network Information Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Health Care Facilities Notice to Consumers Out of Network Status (Health Care Provider Out of Network Information Act) (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: President

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring out-of-network health care facilities to provide certain information to a consumer and obtain certain consent before providing a health care service; requiring that certain out-of-network status information be provided in a certain consent form; prohibiting an out-of-network health care facility from charging, billing, or attempting to collect an amount in excess of the consumer's in-network cost unless the consumer is provided certain notice and provided consent; and making a violation of this Act an unfair trade practice.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1148

Statutes Amended:

13-301 Article - Commercial Law

19-2601 through 19-2604 Article - Health - General