

Maryland General Assembly 2024 – Expected Interim Work Groups & Studies

Bill # / Title	Summary	Relevant Dates
HB 1388 : Noncompete and Conflict of Interest Clauses	Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to study the effect of private equity firms on Maryland’s health care market, including impacts on health disparities, access to care, and workforce shortages. Hospital representatives will be consulted as relevant stakeholders.	Report due by Jan. 1, 2025
SB 1103 / HB 1149 : Outpatient Facility Fees	Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) with the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) and the Health Education Advocacy Unit of the Attorney General’s Office (HEAU) to convene a work group to advise on expanding application of facility fee notice to all outpatient services and the impact of such expansion on patients with different health insurance coverage. Hospital representatives will be included.	Report due by Dec. 1, 2024
HB 698 / SB 759 : Guardianship of the Person of a Disabled Person - Expedited Proceedings	Diane Hoffmann from the University of Maryland Carey School of Law will convene a work group, which will include MHA staff and hospital representatives, exploring solutions for guardianship of patients with hospital overstays.	To be determined
HB 1143 : Maryland Emergency Department (ED) Wait Time Reduction Commission	Representatives from MDH, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS) , MHA, hospital administrators and clinical experts, policy advocates and behavioral health professionals will make up the Commission, which is tasked with developing recommendations to improve ED wait times, including analyzing how Maryland's entire healthcare system impacts hospital throughput.	Bill effective on July 1, 2024; exact dates for Commission meeting to be determined and sunsets June 30, 2027
SB 950 / HB 1127 : Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations Conducted Through Telehealth	Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy & Funding Committee to convene workgroup, which will include MHA staff and hospital representatives, to study the framework, development, implementation, and process to create a TeleSAFE Pilot Program.	Report due by Dec. 1, 2024
HB 1123 : Cybersecurity for Hospitals	Senator Katie Fry Hester and Delegate Ken Kerr are requesting an interim work group with the Maryland Cybersecurity Council and hospital representatives to discuss minimum cybersecurity standards, third party assessments, reporting, designating Chief Information Security Officers and legislation in other states.	Interim 2024, exact dates to be determined
HB 1051 / SB 1059 : Maryland Maternal Health Act of 2024	MDH to convene a workgroup, which will include MHA representatives, to digitize forms required by the legislation for submission from hospitals to local health departments.	To be determined
Joint Chairmen’s Report (JCR): Recruitment and Retention of Anesthesiologists	MDH, MHCC, HSCRC , and Maryland Society of Anesthesiologists to study barriers in recruitment and retention of anesthesiologists, as well as provide recommendations to eliminate identified barriers.	Report due by Dec. 15, 2024
JCR: Reimbursement for Maternal Fetal Medicine	MDH, MHCC, and HSCRC to study reimbursement rates under the Medicaid program for services provided by maternal fetal medicine specialists.	Report due by Dec. 15, 2024
JCR: Hospital Stays by Youth in Out-of-Home Placements	Department of Human Services (DHS) to report on children and youth experiencing stays in emergency rooms or inpatient hospital settings for longer than is medically necessary.	Report due by Dec. 1, 2024