



# ADVOCACY DASHBOARD

2018 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Support			
Legislation/Issues	Synopsis	Resources	New This Week/Upcoming Dates
<b>SB 211- Behavioral Health Programs - Medical Directors - Telehealth</b>	Requiring that regulations adopted under certain provisions of law regulating behavioral health programs include provisions authorizing a medical director of a behavioral health program located in a federally designated health professional shortage area to provide services through telehealth, and prohibiting a behavioral health program located in a federally designated health professional shortage area from requiring a medical director to provide services onsite.	<a href="#">SB 211</a>	Senate Hearing- February 14
<b>SB 234- Interstate Medical Licensure Compact</b>	Entering into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact to strengthen access to health care by developing a comprehensive process to complement existing licensing and regulatory authority and provide a streamlined method to allow physicians to become licensed in multiple states; requiring a physician to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure; requiring physicians to designate a certain state as the state of principal license for purposes of registration for certain expedited licensure; etc.	<a href="#">SB 234</a>  <a href="#">HB 596</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on SB 234</a>	MHA testified in support of SB 234 before the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs committee on January 31.  House hearing- February 15
<b>SB 284- Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Dental Coverage for Adults</b>	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, under certain circumstances, to provide limited dental coverage for certain adults beginning on January 1, 2020, and subject to certain limitations; requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to study and recommend ways to structure adult dental coverage so as to balance fiscal constraints with the dental needs of enrollees; and requiring the Department to report	<a href="#">SB 284</a>  MHA's Position Paper on SB 284	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 284 to the Senate Finance committee on February 7.

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	to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2019.		
<b>SB 309- Health - Reporting of Overdose Information</b>	Authorizing emergency medical services providers and law enforcement officers to report certain overdoses using a certain information technology platform with secure access; requiring that the report include certain information; requiring the emergency medical services provider or law enforcement officer making a report to make certain effort to make the report within 24 hours after responding to the incident; etc.	<a href="#">SB 309</a>  MHA's Position Paper on SB 309	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 309 to the Senate Finance committee on February 8.
<b>HB 86- Health Insurance - Coverage for Elevated or Impaired Blood Glucose Levels and Prediabetes Treatment</b>	Authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide reimbursement for certain services for the treatment of prediabetes; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain equipment, supplies, training, and services for the treatment of elevated or impaired blood glucose levels induced by pregnancy or prediabetes; etc.	<a href="#">HB 86</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on HB 86</a>	MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 86 to the House Health & Government Operations Committee on January 31.
<b>HB 243- Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service - Study and Extension</b>	Requiring the Task Force on Rural, Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service, in conducting a certain study, to solicit input from local governments and Internet service providers on identifying unserved and underserved areas in Western Maryland counties, Southern Maryland counties, Eastern Shore counties, and Frederick, Carroll, and Harford counties; extending the date by which the Task Force must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly to November 30, 2018; etc.	<a href="#">HB 243</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on HB 243</a>	MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 243 to the House Economic Matters Committee on February 1.

## Support with Amendments

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<b>SB 17- Health Information Exchange- Definition and Regulations</b>	Altering a requirement that the Maryland Health Care Commission adopt certain regulations for the privacy and security of protected health information obtained or released through a health information exchange; repealing a certain provision of law prohibiting certain regulations from applying to protected health information exchanged between or among certain persons; etc.	<a href="#">SB 17</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on SB 17</a>	MHA testified in support of SB 17 before the Senate Finance committee on January 18.
<b>SB 163- Public Health – Community Health Workers – Advisory Committee and Certification</b>	Establishing the State Community Health Worker Advisory Committee; requiring the Advisory Committee to advise the Maryland Department of Health on certain matters relating to the certification and training of community health workers; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations for accrediting community health worker training programs; requiring the Department to adopt regulations relating to the certification of community health workers; etc.	<a href="#">SB 163</a>  <a href="#">HB 490</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on SB 163</a>	<p>MHA testified in support of SB 163 before the Senate Finance committee on February 1.</p> <p>House hearing- February 14</p>
<b>HB 247- Criminal Procedure - Victim Services Unit - Victims' Compensation</b>	Establishing a Victim Services Unit in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention; transferring the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board from the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to the Unit; transferring the program for sexual assault forensic examinations from the Maryland Department of Health to the Unit; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to report on matters related to crime victims by December 31, 2020; etc.	<a href="#">HB 247</a>  <a href="#">SB 963</a>  MHA's Position Paper on HB 247	<p>MHA testified in support of HB 247 before the House Judiciary committee on January 30.</p> <p>Senate hearing- February 28</p>

## Oppose

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<b>SB 5- Civil Actions- Punitive Damage Awards</b>	Providing that punitive damages may be awarded in a civil action only if the plaintiff proves by clear and convincing evidence that the defendant acted with wantonness, fraud, or malice; requiring a trier of fact to consider a defendant's liability for punitive damages concurrently with all other issues presented in the action; requiring a trier of fact to determine the amount of punitive damages to be awarded based on certain factors under certain circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.	<a href="#">SB 5</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on SB 5</a>	MHA testified in opposition of SB 5 before the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee on January 16.
<b>SB 30- Health Care Malpractice Qualified Expert - Limitation on Testimony in Personal Injury Claims - Repeal</b>	Repealing the requirement that a health care provider who attests in a certificate of a qualified expert or who testifies in relation to a proceeding before an arbitration panel or a court concerning compliance with or departure from standards of care devote no more than 20% of the provider's professional activities to activities that directly involve testimony in personal injury claims.	<a href="#">SB 30</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on SB 30</a>	MHA testified in opposition of SB 30 before the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee on January 16.
<b>SB 36- Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages</b>	Increasing the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in certain wrongful death actions or survival actions arising on or after October 1, 2018; and providing that a jury may be informed of certain limitations on noneconomic damages in certain civil actions.	<a href="#">SB 36</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on SB 36</a>	MHA testified in opposition to SB 36 before the Senate Judicial Proceedings committee on January 16.
<b>SB 390- Hospitals - Changes in Status - Hospital Employee Retraining and Placement</b>	Requiring a hospital that downsizes to pay a fee directly to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation if workers are displaced; requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to prorate the total amount of certain fees among all hospitals in a certain manner to derive the individual fee for each hospital; requiring the Department to establish a program for retraining and placement of certain hospital employees; etc.	<a href="#">SB 390</a>  MHA's Position Paper on SB 390	MHA testified in opposition to SB 390 before the Senate Finance committee on February 8.
<b>SB 465- Civil Actions - Motor Vehicle Accidents Involving Pedestrians or Nonmotorized Vehicles - Comparative Negligence</b>	Prohibiting recovery by a certain plaintiff from being barred in a certain civil action due to the plaintiff's negligence, except under certain circumstances; requiring any damages awarded under the Act to be diminished in proportion to the amount of negligence attributed to the plaintiff; providing for	<a href="#">SB 465</a>  MHA's Position Paper on SB 465	MHA testified in opposition to SB 465 before the Judicial Proceedings committee on February 6.

	the prospective application of the Act; etc.		
<b>HB 41- Hospitals - Community Benefit Report - Disclosure of Tax Exemptions</b>	Requiring a nonprofit hospital to include an itemization of all tax exemptions received by the hospital in the hospital's annual community benefit report.	<a href="#">HB 41</a>	Sponsor withdrew bill.
<b>HB 289- Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages</b>	Increasing the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in certain wrongful death actions or survival actions arising on or after October 1, 2018; and providing that a jury may be informed of certain limitations on noneconomic damages in certain civil actions.	<a href="#">HB 289</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on HB 289</a>	MHA testified in opposition to HB 289 before the House Judiciary committee on January 31.

Letter of Information			
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<b>HB 88- Public Health - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Revisions</b>	Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to review prescription monitoring data for indications of a possible misuse or abuse of a monitored prescription drug; requiring, instead of authorizing, the Program to report the possible misuse or abuse to the prescriber or dispenser of the monitored prescription drug under certain circumstances; requiring the Program to provide education to the prescriber or dispenser of the monitored prescription drug under certain circumstances; etc	<a href="#">HB 88</a>  <a href="#">MHA's Position Paper on HB 88</a>	MHA submitted a letter of information on HB 88 to the House Health & Government Operations Committee on January 31.