



ADVOCACY DASHBOARD

2019 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Support

Legislation/Issues	Synopsis	Resources	New This Week/Upcoming Dates
SB 36/HB 127- Health Insurance- Health Benefit Plans- Special Enrollment Period for Pregnancy	Requiring certain health benefit plans and certain carriers to provide a special enrollment period during which certain individuals who become pregnant may enroll in a health benefit plan; establishing the duration of the special enrollment period; establishing certain effective dates of coverage for certain individuals enrolled in certain health benefit plans during the special enrollment period; applying the Act to all health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2020; etc.	SB 36 HB 127 HB 127 Position Paper	<p>In the Senate - Hearing Feb. 6</p> <p>MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 127 on Feb. 7 before the Health and Government Operations Committee</p>
SB 116 (HB 82)- Transportation- Complete Streets - Access to Healthy Food	Requiring a complete streets policy adopted by certain modal administrations of the Department of Transportation to create access to healthy food for certain individuals living in food deserts; authorizing grants under the Complete Streets Program to be used to encourage certain jurisdictions to develop ranking systems for projects that prioritize designs that create access to healthy food in food deserts; requiring the Governor, each year, to appropriate \$1,000,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund for the Program;	SB 116 HB 82 HB 82 Position Paper	<p>MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 116 on Feb. 13 before the Finance Committee.</p> <p>MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 82 on Feb. 7 before the Environment and Transportation Committee</p>
SB 125 (HB 100)- Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2020)	Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution, etc.	SB 125 HB 100	<p>In the House- First Reading Appropriations</p> <p>In the Senate- First Reading Budget & Taxation</p>
SB 151 (HB 211)- Criminal Law - Crimes Involving Computers - Ransomware	Prohibiting a person from committing a certain prohibited act with the intent to interrupt or impair the functioning of a health care facility; prohibiting a person from knowingly possessing certain ransomware with the intent to use that ransomware for a certain purpose; altering and establishing certain penalties; authorizing a victim of a certain offense to bring a civil action for damages against a certain person; providing for the recovery of attorney's fees and court costs in an action brought under the Act;	SB 151 HB 211 SB 151 Position Paper	<p>MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 151 on Jan. 31 before the Judicial Proceedings Committee</p> <p>MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 211 on Feb. 12 before the Judiciary Committee.</p>

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SB 178/HB 570- Behavioral Health Programs - Medical Directors - Telehealth	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 on-site	SB 178 HB 570 SB 178 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 178 on Feb. 6 before the Finance Committee In the House - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.
SB 220- Maryland Medical Assistance Program- Coverage of Dental Services- Repeal of Contingency	Repealing the provision of law that made the effectiveness of a certain provision of law authorizing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide dental services to certain adults contingent on the Maryland Dental Action Coalition making a certain determination; etc.	SB 220 SB 220 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 220 on Feb. 6 before the Finance Committee
SB 321- Civil Actions - Offers of Judgment	Making provisions of law relating to an offer of judgment in an action for a medical injury applicable to all civil actions; and applying the Act prospectively	SB 321 SB 321 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 321 on Feb. 14 before the Judicial Proceedings Committee.
SB 322- Medical Malpractice - Notice of Intent to File Claim	Prohibiting a claim against a health care provider for damage due to a medical injury from being filed with the Director of the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office unless, at least 90 days before filing the claim, the claimant has given a notice to the health care provider of intent to file a claim; requiring the notice to include certain information and to be served on the health care provider at a certain address;	SB 322 SB 322 Position Paper	MHA testified in support of SB 322 on Feb. 14 before the Judicial Proceedings Committee.
SB 323- Medical Malpractice - Discovery	Establishing that a defendant in a claim filed with the Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office may seek discovery as to the basis of a certificate of a qualified expert filed by the claimant or plaintiff without prejudice to later discovery if the attesting expert is designated as a trial expert; prohibiting a deposition of a defendant health care provider from being required until the claimant has filed and served a certain certificate of a qualified expert; applying the Act prospectively;	SB 323 SB 323 Position Paper	MHA testified in support of SB 323 on Feb. 14 before the Judicial Proceedings Committee.

SB 356 (HB 583)- Health - Maternal Mortality Review Program - Reporting Requirement	Requiring the Secretary of Health to include in a certain annual report regarding the Maternal Mortality Review Program a section on racial disparities that includes a comparison of the maternal mortality rates of non-Hispanic black and non-Hispanic white women and data on changes in the maternal mortality rate by race and ethnicity.	SB 356 HB 583 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 356 on Feb. 14 before the Finance Committee. House Hearing- Feb. 27, 1 pm
SB 846/HB 116- Public Health - Correctional Services - Opioid Use Disorder Examinations and Treatment	Repealing the requirement for a certain inmate to be placed on a program of methadone detoxification under certain circumstances; requiring State and local correctional facilities to conduct a certain assessment of each inmate within 24 hours of incarceration to determine whether opioid treatment or medication-assisted treatment for opioid addiction is appropriate; requiring State and local correctional facilities to provide certain treatments to inmates suffering from opioid use disorder under certain circumstances;	SB 846 HB 116	Senate Hearing- Feb. 27, 1 pm House Hearing- Feb. 19, 1 pm
HB 308- Public Service Commission - Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity - Rapid Health Impact Assessment and Final Action	Requiring an applicant for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for certain construction to conduct a rapid health impact assessment (HIA) on the project and report on its findings; requiring a rapid HIA report to be completed not later than 45 days after the applicant submits its application to the Public Service Commission; requiring an applicant to complete the rapid HIA in a certain manner; requiring the rapid HIA report to be considered part of a certain application	HB 308 HB 308 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 308 on Feb. 14 before the Health and Government Operations Committee.
HB 364- Health Care Practitioners - Medical Examinations on Anesthetized or Unconscious Patients	Prohibiting health care practitioners and certain students and trainees from performing certain examinations on a patient who is under anesthesia or unconscious unless informed consent has been obtained from the patient for the examination, the examination is within the scope of care, or the patient is unconscious and the examination is required for diagnostic purposes; authorizing certain health occupations boards to take certain actions against certain health care practitioners under certain circumstances; etc.	HB 364 HB 364 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 364 on Feb. 12 before the Health and Government Operations Committee.

Support with Amendments

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SB 126 (HB 101)- Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2019	Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of One Billion, Eighty-Nine Million, One Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Dollars (\$1,089,194,000), the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes; etc.	SB 126 HB 101	In the Senate- First Reading Budget & Taxation In the House- First Reading Appropriations
SB 195- Public Health - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Revisions	Requiring the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to review prescription monitoring data for indications of a possible misuse or abuse of a monitored prescription drug; requiring the Program to report the possible misuse or abuse to the prescriber or dispenser of the monitored prescription drug and to provide certain education to the prescriber or dispenser; authorizing the Program to provide prescription monitoring data to the Office of Controlled Substances Administration for further investigation;	SB 195 HB 25 SB 195 Position Paper	MHA testified in support of SB 195 with amendments on Feb. 14 before the Finance Committee. In the House- Feb. 20, 1 pm
SB 251- Public Health- Treatment for the Prevention of HIV- Consent by Minors	Providing that a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to treatment for the prevention of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); and prohibiting a licensed health care practitioner from giving certain information about treatment needed by a minor or provided to a minor to certain individuals under certain circumstances.	SB 251 SB 251 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 251 on Feb. 6 before the Finance Committee
SB 280/HB 166- Labor and Employment - Payment of Wages - Minimum Wage and Enforcement (Fight for Fifteen)	Specifying the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for certain time periods; increasing, except under certain circumstances, the State minimum wage rate based on the annual growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV metropolitan area; specifying the tip credit amount that is in effect for certain time periods; prohibiting an employer, beginning July 1, 2027, from including the tip credit amount as part of the wage of certain employees; etc.	SB 280 HB 166 HB 166 Position Paper	Senate Hearing- Feb. 21, 1 pm MHA testified in support of HB 166 with amendments on Feb. 8 before the Economic Matters Committee.
SB 301/HB 145- Hospitals- Patient's Bill of Rights	Requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide patients with a certain patient's bill of rights; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide certain patients with a translator, an interpreter, or another accommodation to provide certain assistance to patients; requiring each administrator of a hospital to conspicuously post copies of the patient's bill of rights on the hospital's website and in areas of the hospital accessible to patients;	SB 301 HB 145 HB 145 Position Paper	Senate Hearing- Feb. 28, 1 pm MHA testified in support of HB 145 on Feb. 6 before the Health and Government Operations Committee

SB 342 (HB 466)- Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Program Evaluation	Requiring the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to provide prescription monitoring data to authorized users, rather than the authorized administrator, of another state's prescription drug monitoring program; repealing the termination date of the Program; repealing the requirement that the Department of Legislative Services conduct a certain evaluation of the Program under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act;	SB 342 HB 466 Position Paper 342	MHA submitted testimony in support of SB 342 with amendments on Feb. 14. House Hearing- Feb. 20, 1 pm
HB 167- Juvenile Causes- Safe Haven Newborns	Requiring a local department of social services that files a petition alleging that a safe haven newborn is a child in need of assistance to publish in a newspaper or other publication or website a notice containing certain information regarding the newborn to include a notice to the mother regarding her voluntary relinquishment;	HB 167 HB 167 Position Paper	MHA testified in support of HB 167 on Feb. 7 before the Judiciary Committee

Letter of Information

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SB 218 (HB 338)- Human Services - Food Supplements (Summer SNAP for Children Act)	Requiring the State to provide certain funds to counties for a certain supplement for each child in a household that receives food stamp benefits; making the provision of funding for the supplemental benefit subject to certain requirements; providing for the amount of the supplemental benefit; requiring the supplemental benefit to be provided in June, July, and August in a certain manner; requiring a county to submit a certain application and have a certain approved final plan to receive funding for the supplemental benefit; etc	SB 218 HB 338 HB 338 Position Paper	MHA submitted a letter of information on SB 218 on Feb. 6 to the Budget and Taxation Committee MHA submitted a letter of information on HB 338 on Feb. 5 to the Appropriations Committee
SB 406 (HB 520) – Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination – Grant Funding and Task Force	Requiring the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget beginning in fiscal year 2021 for the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund; establishing the Task Force on Maryland Maternal and Child Health; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2019	SB 406 HB 520 SB 406 Position Paper	MHA submitted a letter of information on SB 406 on Feb. 14 to the Finance Committee.
SB 447 (HB 247) – Maryland Health Care Commission – Surgical Birth Rate - Study	Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the Vital Statistics Administration, and interested stakeholders, to conduct a study regarding the surgical birth rate in the State; requiring the Commission to examine the rate of complications,	SB 447 HB 247	Senate hearing- cancelled MHA submitted a letter of information on HB 247 to the

increased health care costs, and global research programs related to surgical births; requiring the Commission to report its recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2020;

[HB 247 Position Paper](#)

Health and Government Operations Committee on Feb. 13.

Letter of Concern

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SB 602 (HB 796)- Public Health - Maternal Mortality Review Program - Establishment of Local Teams	Establishing local maternal mortality review teams; requiring local teams to include certain members; requiring each local team to elect a chair; establishing that the purpose of the local teams is to prevent maternal deaths; requiring the Maryland Mortality Review Program to provide a local team with certain information and records; prohibiting the disclosure of certain information during a certain public meeting;	<p>SB 602</p> <p>HB 796</p> <p>SB 602 Position Paper</p>	<p>MHA submitted a letter of concern on SB 602 to the Finance Committee on Feb. 14.</p> <p>House Hearing- Feb. 27</p>
HB 409- Drugs and Devices - Electronic Prescriptions - Requirements	Requiring, except under certain circumstances, a certain health practitioner to issue a prescription electronically; authorizing an authorized prescriber to issue a written or oral prescription only under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Health, in collaboration with the Maryland Health Care Commission, to adopt certain regulations regarding a certain waiver that includes certain provisions;	<p>HB 409</p> <p>HB 409 Position Papers</p>	<p>MHA submitted a letter of concern on HB 409 to the Health and Government Operations Committee on Feb. 13</p>