



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 MHA testified in support of HB 570 before the Health & Government Operations Committee
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 SB 356 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 369 (HB 372)- Evidence – Chain of Custody of DNA	Establishing that a certain report signed by the DNA analyst is prima facie evidence of certain matters for a certain purpose under certain circumstances; providing that a certain DNA profile may be established without the necessity for the DNA analyst to personally appear in court under certain circumstances; providing that certain provisions of law do not preclude the right of any party to introduce any evidence supporting or contradicting certain evidence or presumptions; etc.	SB 369 HB 372 SB 369 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 369 on Feb. 20 before the Judicial Proceedings Committee. MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 372 on Feb 19. Before the Judiciary Committee.
SB 403 (HB 427)- Behavioral Health Administration – Outpatient Civil Commitment – Statewide Expansion	Requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to establish a statewide outpatient civil commitment program; requiring a local behavioral health authority that chooses to participate in the program to coordinate community-based treatment for individuals admitted to the program; establishing an Outpatient Civil Commitment Advisory Committee; requiring the Administration to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1 each year; etc.	SB 403 HB 427 SB 403 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 403 on Feb. 20 before the Finance Committee. MHA testified in support of HB 427 on Feb. 20 before the Health and Government Operations Committee.
SB 405 (HB 435)- Health Insurance – Prescription Drugs – Formulary Charges	Prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from making certain formulary changes during a plan year and the open enrollment period that precedes the plan year, except under certain circumstances; defining "utilization management restriction"; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2020.	SB 405 HB 435 SB 405 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 405 on Feb. 20 before the Finance Committee. House Hearing- March 7, 1 pm
SB 506- Maryland Department of Health – Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services – Needs Assessment	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct a certain study to determine the existing capacity and estimated unmet needs for mental health and substance use disorder services by region of the State; requiring that the study include a review of certain issues related to certain services; authorizing the Department to contract with an entity to conduct a certain study; requiring the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the State budget in fiscal year 2021 for the study; etc.	SB 506 SB 506 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 506 on Feb. 20 before the Finance Committee.

<p>SB 657 (HB 1249)- Pilot Program – Alleged Rape, Sexual Offense, or Child Sexual Abuse – HIV Postexposure Prophylaxis</p>	<p>Establishing the Pilot Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims to prevent HIV infection for victims of an alleged rape or sexual offense or victims of alleged child sexual abuse; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the program; requiring that a victim of an alleged rape or sexual offense or a victim of alleged child sexual abuse be provided with a full course of treatment and follow-up care for post exposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV infection; etc.</p>	<p>SB 657 HB 1249 SB 657 Position Paper</p>	<p>MHA testified in support of SB 657 on Feb. 22 before the Judicial Proceedings Committee. House Hearing- March 11, 2 pm</p>
<p>SB 815 (HB 1210)- Public Safety – Crisis Intervention Team Technical Assistance Center</p>	<p>Establishing the Crisis Intervention Team Technical Assistance Center in the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to appoint certain coordinators to the Technical Assistance Center; requiring the Technical Assistance Center to take certain actions; establishing the Collaborative Planning and Implementation Committee for the Technical Assistance Center; providing for the membership of the Collaborative Committee; etc.</p>	<p>SB 815 HB 1210 SB 815 Position Paper</p>	<p>MHA testified in support of SB 815 on Feb. 22 before the Judicial Proceedings Committee. House Hearing- March 13, 1 pm</p>
<p>SB 846/HB 116- Public Health - Correctional Services - Opioid Use Disorder Examinations and Treatment</p>	<p>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;</p>	<p>SB 846 HB 116 HB 116 Position Paper</p>	<p>Senate Hearing- Feb. 27, 1 pm MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 116 to the Health & Government Operations Committee on Feb. 19.</p>
<p>SB 868 (HB 697) - Health Insurance – Consumer Protections</p>	<p>Repealing a certain provision of law applying certain provisions of the federal Affordable Care Act to certain health insurance coverage issued or delivered in the State by certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, or health maintenance organizations; prohibiting certain carriers from excluding or limiting certain benefits or denying coverage under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain carriers from establishing certain rules for eligibility based on health status factors; etc.</p>	<p>SB 868 HB 697 SB 868 Position Paper</p>	<p>Senate Hearing- March 13, 1 pm MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 697 to the Health & Government Operations Committee on Feb. 21.</p>

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.
HB 1268 (SB 569)- Public Safety- Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund – Established	Establishing the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department of State Police to administer the Fund; requiring the Department to establish and publish procedures for the distribution of funding to law enforcement agencies; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund, and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; etc.	HB 1268 SB 569 HB 1268 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 1268 on Feb. 21 before the Appropriations Committee. Senate Hearing- Feb. 27 at 12 pm
HB 1274- Opioid Restitution Fund	Establishing the Opioid Restitution Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund, and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; etc.	HB 1274 HB 1274 Position Paper	MHA testified in support of HB 1274 on Feb. 21 before the Appropriations 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 (HB 25)- 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 Health and Government Operations Committee MHA testified in support of Hb 25 with amendments on Feb. 20 before the Health and Government Operations Committee
SB 251/HB 1338- 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 HB 1338 SB 251 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 251 with amendments on Feb. 6 before the Finance Committee MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 251 with amendments on Feb. 20 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	MHA testified in support of SB 280 with amendments on Feb. 21 before the Finance Committee. 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 with amendments 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 SB 342 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 342 with amendments on Feb. 14 to the Finance Committee. MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 466 with amendments on Feb 20. before the Health and Government Operations Committee.
SB 459 (HB 868)- Medical Records – Compulsory Process Requests – Advisory Protocol and Voluntary Training	Requiring, on or before September 30, 2020, the Office of the Attorney General to develop a certain advisory protocol and voluntary training program for health care providers regarding how to respond to compulsory process requests for medical records that includes information regarding certain requirements; and requiring the Office to consult certain entities in developing the advisory protocol and voluntary training program.	SB 459 HB 868 SB 459 Position Paper	MHA submitted written testimony in support of SB 459 with amendments on Feb. 20 to the Finance Committee. MHA submitted written testimony in support of HB 868 with amendments on Feb. 21 to the Health & Government Operations Committee.
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 with amendments on Feb. 7 before the Judiciary Committee.

Oppose

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HB 455- Physicians - Discipline - Procedures and Effects	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;	HB 455 HB 455 Position Paper	MHA testified in opposition to HB 455 before the Health & Government Operations Committee on Feb. 19.

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	<p>MHA submitted a letter of information on SB 218 on Feb. 6 to the Budget and Taxation Committee</p> <p>MHA submitted a letter of information on HB 338 on Feb. 5 to the Appropriations Committee</p>
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	<p>MHA submitted a letter of information on SB 406 on Feb. 14 to the Finance Committee.</p> <p>House Hearing- Feb. 27 at 1 pm</p>

SB 445 (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, 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;	SB 445 HB 247 HB 247 Position Paper	Senate hearing- cancelled MHA submitted a letter of information on HB 247 to the Health and Government Operations Committee on Feb. 13.
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Letter of Concern

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SB 469 (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;	SB 469 HB 409 HB 409 Position Paper	Senate hearing- Feb. 28 at 1 pm MHA submitted a letter of concern on HB 409 to the Health and Government Operations Committee on Feb. 13
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;	SB 602 HB 796 SB 602 Position Paper	MHA submitted a letter of concern on SB 602 to the Finance Committee on Feb. 14. House Hearing- Feb. 27 at 1 pm