

General Assembly Hospital Throughput Work Group Meeting Summary

January 19, 2024

Outcome

MHA convened the final General Assembly Hospital Throughput Work Group Meeting to review the draft list of hospital throughput recommendations. Work group members provided feedback on the recommendations and raised additional throughput-related concerns for development by groups in the future.

Main Points of Discussion

- During the meeting, MHA and HMA guided the work group through draft recommendations—annotating comments from members. Member feedback on existing recommendations was incorporated into the development of the final report.
- Members led multiple discussions evaluating all recommendations submitted by all stakeholders. Some of the revisited recommendations included: prioritizing hospital bed capacity, emphasizing HSCRC payment policies, importance of licensure compacts, sustainable funding from public and commercial payors, workforce development, behavioral health services, specificity on Certificate of Need (CON) process.
- Members had an opportunity to openly discuss any overarching throughput concerns. The group collectively encouraged continuing a hospital throughput work group in some capacity.

Next Steps

- MHA will share the finalized hospital throughput report with work group members for a final review.
- Following work group review, MHA will distribute the final report to the Maryland General Assembly