



# MedChi

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## MedChi Council on Legislation – Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

### I. Call to Order

### II. Legislative Items

- a. Discussion of the 2024 Legislative Session (Steve Wise)
- b. 2024 MedChi Physician of the Day – First Aid Room (Gene Ransom)

### III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

Bill: [HB 76](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 18](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Lopez

Title: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Administration of Vaccines

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 PM

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 149](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Pippy

Title: Medical Records - Destruction - Authorization

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 312](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Bagnall

Title: Physician Assistants - Collaboration Agreements

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: Withdrawn

Bill: [HB 425](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 359](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 144](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 153](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Medical Records - Fees - Attorneys Representing Patients

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 365](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 405](#)

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications and Training

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 PM

Position: No Position

#### **IV. Health Insurance (HI)**

Bill: [HB 110](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 93](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Charkoudian

Title: Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Private Review Agents

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 340](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 388](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Authority for Upper Payment Limits and Funding (The Lowering Prescription Drug Costs For All Marylanders Now Act)

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: Refer to MedChi Board

Bill: [HB 400](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 124](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Woods

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits - Coverage and Reimbursement

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: Support

## **V. Public Health (PH)**

Bill: [HB 370](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Vogel

Title: Maryland Department of Health - Study on the Effects of and Preparedness for Long COVID-19

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 411](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 408](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kipke

Title: Public Health - Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs - Standing Orders

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 212](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Behavioral Health Advisory Council and Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access - Alterations

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 220](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 42](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Public Health - Public Health Services and Protections - Revisions

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 246](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 127](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Public Health - Nonoccupational Postexposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) Standing Order Program - Establishment

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 PM

Position: Oppose

## **VI. FYI**

Bill: [HB 84](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 332](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kerr

Title: Hospitals and Urgent Care Centers - Sepsis Protocol (Lochlin's Law)

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Bill: [HB 276](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Grammer

Title: Health - Abortion Data - Submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: TBD – Assigned to Public Health Subcommittee

Bill: [HB 367](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 527](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Smith

Title: Community Colleges - Contraception - Access Requirements

Status: In the House - First Reading Appropriations and Health and Government Operations

Bill: [HB 403](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 443](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: End-of-Life Option Act (The Honorable Elijah E. Cummings and the Honorable Shane E. Pendergrass Act)

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

Position: No position – Per MedChi House of Delegates Resolution

Bill: [SB 347](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator McKay

Title: Medical Cannabis - Employees in Health Care Settings Caring for Qualifying Patients

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

*\* Please Note: Dr. Harbhajan Ajrawat, MD and Dr. Marie-Alberte Boursiquot, MD recused on every vote related to legislation that relates to or will be considered by the Maryland Board of Physicicans.\**