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**MedChi Legislative Council – Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 31, 2022 at 6:30 PM on Zoom**

I. Call to Order

II. Legislative Items

- a. Physician of the Day – First Aid Room – Volunteer Sign Up (Open Dates Available)

III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

Bill: [HB 407](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 407](#)

Sponsor: The Speaker

Title: Health Occupations - Health Care Staffing Shortage Emergency - Declaration and Licensing and Practice Requirements (Health Care Heroes Act of 2022)

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

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 421](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 398](#)

Sponsor: The Speaker

Title: Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners - Provision of Behavioral Health Services via Telehealth - Authorization

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 PM

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 510](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Pendergrass

Title: Health Care Facilities - Health Services Cost Review Commission - User Fee Assessment

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 PM

Position: TBD

Bill: [HB 533](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Peña-Melnyk

Title: Occupations and Professions - Licenses, Certificates, and Registration - Immigrants

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 355](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: HIV Prevention Drugs - Prescribing and Dispensing by Pharmacists and Insurance Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 PM (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs)

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 385](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Health - Disclosure of Medical Records - Penalty

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 440](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland - Establishment

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: No Position

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 413](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 395](#)

Sponsor: The Speaker

Title: Health Insurance - Individual Market Stabilization - Extension of Provider Fee

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 PM

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 536](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Pendergrass

Title: Maryland Insurance Commissioner - Authority - Federal Health Emergency

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 353](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health Insurance - Prescription Insulin Drugs - Limits on Copayment and Coinsurance (Insulin Cost Reduction Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 493](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Pinsky

Title: Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: TBD

IV. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 408](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 394](#)

Sponsor: The Speaker

Title: Statewide Targeted Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act of 2022

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 481](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Moon

Title: Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 517](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 460](#)

Sponsor: Delegate R. Lewis

Title: Consumer Health Access Program for Mental Health and Addiction Care - Establishment

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

Position: TBD

Bill: [HB 534](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 244](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Bhandari

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring

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

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 268](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 387](#)

Sponsor: Senator Kagan

Title: Pesticide Regulation - Transfer to Department of the Environment

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 273](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 275](#)

Sponsor: Senator Elfreth

Title: Environment - PFAS Chemicals - Prohibitions and Requirements (George "Walter" Taylor Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 320](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 361](#)

Sponsor: Senator Patterson

Title: Mold Inspections and Remediation - Standards, Reporting, Penalties, and Tax Credit

Status: In the Senate – Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 503](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 669](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Doula Services - Coverage

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: TBD

V. FYI

Bill: [HB 319](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 100](#)

Sponsor: Delegate R. Jones

Title: General Provisions - Commemorative Days - Overdose Awareness

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/15 at 2:30 PM

Bill: [HB 364](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 488](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Henson

Title: Sales and Use Tax - Medical Devices - Exemption

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [HB 501](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 433](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Valderrama

Title: Labor and Employment - Workers' Compensation Claims - Fees for Legal Services

Status: In the House - First Reading Economic Matters