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**MedChi Legislative Council – Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 7, 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 2](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 598](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Luedtke

Title: Income Tax - Work Opportunity Tax Credit

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 670](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Wilkins

Title: Maryland Health Care Commission - Study on Expansion of Interstate Telehealth

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

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 717](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cardin

Title: Health Care Alternative Dispute Resolution Office - Authority of Director - Dispositive Issues of Law

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 PM

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 830](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate R. Lewis

Title: State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists - Physician Members - Repeal

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 605](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator West

Title: Medical Malpractice - Collateral Sources

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 626](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Griffith

Title: Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants - Alterations

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 PM

Position: Support

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 675](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 621](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Hartman

Title: Health Insurance - Changes to Coverage, Benefits, and Drug Formularies - Timing

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 PM

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 709](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 632](#)

Sponsor: Delegate R. Lewis

Title: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Small Business and Nonprofit Health Insurance Subsidies Program

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 PM

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 715](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 549](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Valentino-Smith

Title: Administrative Services Organizations - Requirements for Retraction, Repayment, or Mitigation of Claims

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 820](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Carr

Title: Health Insurance - Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorders - Modification of Coverage Requirements

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 493](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 610](#)

Sponsor: Senator Pinsky

Title: Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 634](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health Insurance - Home Test Kits for Sexually Transmitted Diseases - Required Coverage

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 637](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Health and Health Insurance - Behavioral Health Services - Expansion (Behavioral Health System Modernization Act)

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: TBD

IV. Public Health (PH)

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: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 669](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 503](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Wilkins

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Doula Services - Coverage

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 746](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 682](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kaiser

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Gender-Affirming Treatment (Trans Health Equity Act of 2022)

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

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 607](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hayes

Title: Health Equity Resource Communities - Modifications

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

V. FYI

Bill: [HB 570](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Stein

Title: Pesticides - Mosquito Control Products and PFAS Chemicals

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

Bill: [HB 623](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Brooks

Title: Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Essential Health Care Workers

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [HB 694](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Charkoudian

Title: Hospitals - Financial Assistance - Medical Bill Reimbursement

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

Bill: [HB 725](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 506](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Luedtke

Title: Children - Therapeutic Child Care Program - Funding

Status: In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

Bill: [HB 735](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Metzgar

Title: Public Health - Abortion

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

Bill: [HB 760](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Krebs

Title: States of Emergency and Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Renewals - Authorization by General Assembly or Legislative Policy Committee

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/1 at 1:30 PM

Bill: [HB 761](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 330](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Krebs

Title: County Boards of Health and Baltimore City Health Department - Procedures and Appeals Process

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

Bill: [HB 779](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Arian

Title: Vaccination Requirements - Provision of Services - Statement of Prior Viral Infection

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

Bill: [HB 794](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Public Health - Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council

Status: In the House – Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 PM (Health and Government Operations)

Bill: [HB 799](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Morgan

Title: State and Local Government - COVID-19 - Vaccination by Choice Act

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

Bill: [HB 800](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 565](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Queen

Title: Public Safety - Emergency Management - Price Gouging Consumer Protections

Status: In the House – Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [HB 819](#)

Cross-File Bill:

Sponsor: Delegate Parrott

Title: Public Health - COVID-19 and Other Influenza-Like Illnesses - Antibody Tests

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

Bill: [HB 821](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 518](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Turner

Title: Career Pathways for Health Care Workers Program

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

Bill: [SB 504](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Salling

Title: Equal Protection of Unborn Human Beings Act of 2022

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 PM (Judicial Proceedings)

Bill: [SB 535](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ready

Title: Unborn Child Protection From Dismemberment Abortion Act

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Bill: [SB 547](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Public Health - Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus - Repeal

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 591](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Maryland Health Care Commission - Patient Safety Center - Designation and Fund

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 PM

Bill: [SB 623](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 845](#)

Sponsor: Senator Corderman

Title: Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Income of Health Care Workers

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 PM