



**MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM on Zoom**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Review of Committee Protocols**
- III. Legislative Items**
  - a. 2026 Legislative Session Updates
  - b. 2026 MedChi Physician of the Day – First Aid Room
  - c. MMPAC
- IV. Boards and Commissions (B&C)**

Bill: [HB 615](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 563\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Health Facilities – Confidentiality of Medical Records – Crisis Pregnancy Clinics

Status: In the House – Hearing 2/18 at 1:30 p.m. – Health

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 838](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 562\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: State Board of Pharmacy – Prescriber – Pharmacist Agreements

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1087](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate S. Johnson

Title: Health Care Facilities - Surgical Smoke - Smoke Evacuation Systems

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1134](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Taveras

Title: Pharmaceutical Drugs and Devices - Gifts to Health Care Professionals - Prohibition

Status: In the House - First Reading – Health

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1146](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Alston

Title: Crime of Violence - Medical Facilities and Places of Worship - Penalty (Sacred Places Safety Act)

Status: In the House - First Reading – Judiciary

Position: Support with Letter

Bill: [HB 1209](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 950\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Conversion Therapy - Prohibitions and Causes of Action

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. – Judiciary

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 1263](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Public Health - Workgroup on Postoperative Cosmetic Care

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 773](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1135\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Health Occupations - Pharmacists - Vaccination Orders

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 778](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1426\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Feldman

Title: Clinical Research Pharmacies and Clinical Trials - Permits, Ownership, and Definition of Practice of Medicine

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 892](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1121\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Public Health - Perimenopausal, Menopausal, and Postmenopausal Conditions

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 894](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1298\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Third-Party Litigation Financing - Licensing and Regulation

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 915](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1047\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Mautz

Title: State Board of Physicians - Delegation of Duties - Alterations

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 917](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Mautz

Title: Health Occupations - Practice of Audiology - Definition

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 951](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1558\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: State Board of Physicians - Anesthesiologist Assistants - Licensing

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: No Position

## V. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 739](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Martinez

Title: Health Insurance – Prompt Payment of Claims – Requirements

Status: In the House – Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1112](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission - Study on Individual and Group Health Insurance Market Stability

Status: In the House - First Reading – Health

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1114](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Martinez

Title: HIV Prevention Drugs - Prescribing, Dispensing, and Insurance Coverage

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 1126](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Qi

Title: Health Insurance and Managed Care Organizations - Laboratory Services - Contract Providers

Status: In the House - First Reading – Health

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 774](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1157\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Health Insurance - Plan Benefits and Coverage - Annual Reporting (Transparency, Reporting, Understanding, Timeliness, and Honesty (TRUTH) in Mental Health Coverage Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 794](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health Insurance - Special Enrollment Period for Pregnancy - Coverage Effective Date

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 796](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1124\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Commercial Law - Consumer Protections - Health Care Financing

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 797](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1153\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Claims for Reimbursement -  
Downcoding

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 808](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1093\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator King

Title: Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 837](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1440\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Ready

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage and Utilization Review -  
Drugs Reviewed by the Prescription Drug Affordability Board

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 839](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1470\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Ready

Title: Medical Assistance Programs - Drug Dispensing - Cost-of-Dispensing Survey and Fee-for-Service Professional Dispensing Fee

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: No Position

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

Bill: [HB 704](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 586\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Palakovich Carr

Title: Community Eligibility Provision Expansion Program - Establishment

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. – Appropriations

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 971](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Woods

Title: Maryland Medical Advisory Committee - Duties and Workgroup to Study the Adoption of a Fee-for-Service Model for All Medicaid Services

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: FYI

Bill: [HB 995](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Woods

Title: Health Occupations - Behavioral Health Care Providers - Use of Artificial Intelligence – Health

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 1004](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Alston

Title: Public Health - Prohibited Ingredients in Food

Status: In the House - First Reading – Health

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1045](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Data Disclosure to Federal Law Enforcement - Limitation

Status: In the House - First Reading – Health

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 1051](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Public Health - Patient Access to Medication

Status: In the House - First Reading – Health

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1249](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Certified Recovery Residences - Refusing Services to Individuals Receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment - Prohibition

Status: In the House - First Reading – Health

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1281](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ciliberti

Title: Health - Abortion - Ultrasound and Wait Time

Status: In the House - First Reading – Health

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1282](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Young

Title: Tobacco Products, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Advertising to Minors - Prohibition

Status: In the House - First Reading – Economic Matters

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1285](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Guzzone

Title: Health - Opioid Overdose Reversal Drugs - Possession, Storage, and Administration Past Expiration Date

Status: In the House - First Reading – Health

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 1291](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Roberts

Title: Public Health - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Continuity of Care

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 50](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Education - Interscholastic and Intramural Junior Varsity and Varsity Teams and Sports - Designation (Fairness in Girls' Sports Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. – Education, Energy, and the Environment

Position: FYI

Bill: [SB 626](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Certificates of Birth, Licenses, and Identification Cards - Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 655](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 992\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Electronic Device Producer Responsibility Program - Established

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. – Education, Energy, and the Environment

Position: Support with Letter

Bill: [SB 785](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1159\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Guzzone

Title: Public Health and Health Insurance - Access to Abortion Care - Reporting Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 790](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1109\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Public Health Reform Act

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 804](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Labor and Employment - Occupational Safety and Health - Revisions to Heat Stress Standards

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: FYI

Bill: [SB 866](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1048\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator A. Washington

Title: Public Health - Chain Restaurants - Sodium and Added Sugars Warning Icons

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 891](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1118\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Gile

Title: Health, Health Insurance, and Health Occupations - Perinatal Mental Health Conditions

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Hold

Bill: [\(SJ 4\)](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HJ 7\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator A. Washington

Title: Anti-Nuclear Proliferation Resolution

Status: In the Senate - First Reading – Education, Energy, and the Environment

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 672](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Shetty

Title: Public Health – Maryland Pediatric Cancer Fund – Entities Eligible for Grants

Status: In the House – Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: No Position

## **VII. FYI**

Bill: [HB 921](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Moreno

Title: Juvenile Law - Confinement and Restrictive Housing - Limitations – Health

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. – Judiciary

Bill: [HB 1012](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Fair

Title: Public Health - Local Suicide Fatality Review Teams - Authorization

Status: In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Bill: [HB 1042](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Woorman

Title: Health Occupations - Structural Racism Training - Funding Sources

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Bill: [HB 1092](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 870\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Martinez

Title: Maryland Department of Health - Adolescent Psychiatric Inpatient Beds - Capacity in Prince George's County and Report

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.– Health

Bill: [HB 1107](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Martinez

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Required Coverage for Aesthetic Services and Restorative Care for Victims of Domestic Violence (Healing Our Scars Act)

Status: In the House – First Reading – Health

Bill: [HB 1131](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Lopez

Title: Public Health - Pregnancy Loss - Prohibited Actions (Pregnancy Outcome Protection Act)

Status: In the House - First Reading – Health; Judiciary

Bill: [HB 1136](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 832\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate D. Jones

Title: Nonprofit Hospitals - Community Benefits

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m.– Health

Bill: [HB 1143](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Lopez

Title: Public Health - Office of the Chief Medical Examiner - Perinatal Autopsies (Lung Float Test Ban)

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Bill: [HB 1167](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Chair, Health Committee

Title: Maryland Department of Health - Medicaid Management Information System - Mainframe System Replacement

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Bill: [HB 1323](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Health Care Decisions Act - Surrogate Decision Making - Hospital Surrogate Committee

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Bill: [HB 1331](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Grammer

Title: Maryland Department of Health and Department of Human Services - Public Benefits - Eligibility and Prohibitions

Status: In the House - Hearing canceled – Health; Appropriations

Bill: [SB 656](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1533\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Henson

Title: Public Health - Cosmetic Products - Enforcement and Penalties for Prohibited Ingredients (Crown and Care Act - Protecting Communities from Harmful Hair Chemicals)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Bill: [SB 686](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1022\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Love

Title: PFAS Chemicals - Product Phase Outs and Registration Requirements

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. – Education, Energy, and the Environment

Bill: [SB 707](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1014\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Ready

Title: Mental Health Law - Danger to the Life or Safety of the Individual or of Others - Definition (Right to Treatment)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Bill: [SB 738](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Mobile Crisis and Crisis Stabilization

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Bill: [SB 772](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1246\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Ferguson

Title: Maryland Department of Health - Employment Training and Opportunity Database

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Bill: [SB 798](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1264\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Public Health - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Tobacco Cessation

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.. – Finance

Bill: [SB 820](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1523\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Hayes

Title: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission - Unauthorized Consumable Products - Enforcement and Seizure

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.– Finance

Bill: [SB 907](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1389\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Love

Title: Public Health - Female Genital Mutilation

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance