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MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM on Zoom

I. Call to Order

II. Legislative Items

- a. 2025 Legislative Session Updates (Steve Wise)
- b. 2025 MedChi Physician of the Day – First Aid Room (Gene Ransom)

III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

Bill: [SB 277](#)

Cross-File Bill:

Sponsor: Senator Simonaire

Title: Health Equality for Service Members Act

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)

Position: No Position

IV. Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 11](#)

Cross-File Bill:

Sponsor: Delegate Sample-Hughes

Title: Health Insurance - Access to Nonparticipating Providers - Referrals, Additional Assistance, and Coverage

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 321](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 303](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Kipke

Title: Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Definition of Purchaser and Alteration of Application of Law

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/23 at 2:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 381](#)

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 and Government Operations

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 383](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Martinez

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Orthoses (So Every Body Can Move Act)

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

Position: Support with a letter to express concerns discussed

Bill: [HB 418](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kipke

Title: Health Maintenance Organizations - Payments to Nonparticipating Providers - Reimbursement Rate

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

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 306](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Workers' Compensation - Prescription Drug and Pharmaceutical Services - Reimbursements

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 328](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

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

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

V. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 95](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Allen

Title: Health Care Providers - Assisted Reproductive Treatment - Informed Consent and Fraud

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations
Position: No Position- Closely Monitor

Bill: [HB 340](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ruth

Title: Climate Change - Attorney General Actions, Climate Change Restitution Fund, and Climate Change Restitution Fund Advisory Council

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 373](#)

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: Oppose

Bill: [SB 1](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Waldstreicher

Title: Legally Protected Health Care - Reproductive, Fertility Preservation, and Contraceptive Treatment and Services (IVF and Contraception Shield Act of 2025)

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/23 at 3:45 p.m.

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 215](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 132](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Cannabis - On-Site Consumption Establishments and Cannabis Events

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 310](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Simonaire

Title: Education - Youth Suicide Prevention School Program - Revisions

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

Position: Support

VI. FYI

Bill: [HB 62](#)

Cross-Fill Bill: [SB 253](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee

Title: Controlled Hazardous Substance Facility Permit - Research Facilities - Chemical Warfare Material Requirements

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 1:30 p.m.

Bill: [HB 333](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kerr

Title: Cybersecurity - Healthcare Ecosystem

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

Bill: [HB 417](#)

Cross-File bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ruth

Title: Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care

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