



**MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 9, 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 526](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kaufman

Title: Civil Actions – Settlement Agreements – Payment and Release

Status: In the House – Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. – Judiciary

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 595](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 466\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Lewis

Title: Income Tax – Credit for Physician Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages – Alterations

Status: In the House – Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. – Ways and Means

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 599](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Health – Licensure of Hospitals – Ownership Requirements

Status: In the House – Hearing 2/11 at 1:30 p.m. – Health

Position: No Position

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: Hold

Bill: [HB 646](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Guyton

Title: Driver Licensing – Self-Reporting of Medical Conditions

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 679](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Arian

Title: Health Occupations – Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy for Minors

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 771](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Miller

Title: Health Occupations – Human Trafficking Awareness Training

Status: In the House – First Reading – 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 – First Reading – Health

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 860](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Alston

Title: Petitions for Emergency Evaluation (Arnaud and Magruder Memorial Act)

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 906](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Moon

Title: Civil Actions – Punitive Damage Awards – Surcharge

Status: In the House – Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. – Judiciary

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 242](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 420\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Simonaire

Title: Modernizing Civil Relief for Service Members Act

Status: In the Senate – Hearing 2/12 at 2:00 p.m. – Education, Energy, and the Environment

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 380](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 598\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lewis Young

Title: Physicians – Licensing – Internationally Trained Physicians

Status: In the Senate – Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support with Amendments

Bill: [SB 418](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Simonaire

Title: Professional Licensing Portability – Members of the Foreign Service and Spouses

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

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 489](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health Occupations – Physicians Trained in International Medical Schools

Status: In the Senate – Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support with Amendments

Bill: [SB 494](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 944\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Maryland Health Care Commission – Certificates of Need and Material Change – Transactions

Status: In the Senate – Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 506](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lewis Young

Title: Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Minor Conditions and HIV Prevention and Treatment

Status: In the Senate – Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 515](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 616\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Health Services Cost Review Commission – Health Facilities – Jurisdiction and Rate Setting

Status: In the Senate – Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support With Amendments

Bill: [SB 568](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: Health Occupations – Licensed Psychologists – Prescriptive Authority

Status: In the Senate – First Reading – Finance

Position: Oppose

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

Bill: [HB 684](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 521\)](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Health Committee

Title: Health Insurance – Material Changes to Provider Networks – Notification and Special Enrollment Period

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

Position: Support with Amendments

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: Hold

Bill: [HB 795](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Wu

Title: Health Insurance – Artificial Intelligence – Grievance Process and Reporting (AI Health Insurance Accountability Act of 2026)

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

Position: Support with Amendments

Bill: [HB 813](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 496\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Martinez

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Coverage for the Treatment of Obesity

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 865](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Health Insurance – Remittance Advice – Interest on Late-Paid Claims

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 917](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Health Insurance – Retroactive Denial of Reimbursement

Status: In the House – First Reading Health – Health

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 428](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 746\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Collaborative Care Model – Cost Sharing Prohibition

Status: In the Senate – Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 490](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 808\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols, and Prior Authorization – Prescription Drugs to Treat Serious Mental Illness

Status: In the Senate – Hearing 2/17 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Support

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

Bill: [HB 468](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Martinez

Title: Health and Taxation – Digital Social Media Services and the Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth

Status: In the House – Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. – Ways and Means

Position: FYI

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: Hold

Bill: [HB 772](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Shetty

Title: Workgroup on Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization – Establishment

Status: In the House – First Reading – Health

Position: Support with Amendments

Bill: [HB 922](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hutchinson

Title: Behavioral Health Administration – Behavioral Health Program Relocation – Regulations

Status: In the House – First Reading – Health

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 485](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Public Health – Women's Health Care Data – Report

Status: In the Senate – Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 527](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Harris

Title: Public Health – Ibogaine Clinical Research Grant Program – Establishment (Veterans Mental Health Innovations Act)

Status: In the Senate – First Reading – Finance

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 561](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Sydnor

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Community Violence Prevention Services – Reimbursement and Provision of Services

Status: In the Senate – First Reading – Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 594](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Beidle

Title: Cannabis – Advertising – Alterations

Status: In the Senate – First Reading – Finance

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 46](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Queen

Title: Sports Wagering – Gambling Prevention Technology Pilot Program – Establishment

Status: In the House – Hearing canceled – Ways and Means

Position: FYI

Bill: [HB 291](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 102\)](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Ways and Means Committee

Title: Sports Wagering Proceeds – Promotional Play Exclusion – Limitation

Status: In the House – Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m. – Ways and Means

Position: FYI

## **VII. FYI**

Bill: [HB 632](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Grammer

Title: Certificate of Need – Psychiatric Health Care Facilities and Psychiatric and Mental Health Services – Exemption

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

Bill: [HB 633](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 551\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Health Insurance – Ovarian Cancer Prevention With Salpingectomy – Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing

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

Bill: [HB 714](#)

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

Bill: [HB 715](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 602\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Algorithmic Addiction Fund – Establishment

Status: In the House – First Reading – Appropriations; Economic Matters

Bill: [HB 740](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Stinnett

Title: Public Schools – School-Based Mental Health Services – Full-Time Therapist

Status: In the House – Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. – Ways and Means

Bill: [HB 758](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hornberger

Title: Problem Gambling – Authorized Uses of Funds – Alterations

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

Bill: [HB 766](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 623\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate A. Johnson

Title: Retail Tobacco Businesses and Establishment of a Premium Cigar Lounge Alcoholic Beverages License (Maryland Premium Cigar Lounge Act of 2026)

Status: In the House – First Reading – Government, Labor, and Elections

Bill: [HB 883](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Qi

Title: Consumer Protection – Artificial Intelligence – Behavioral Health Care Prohibitions

Status: In the House – First Reading – Economic Matters; Health

Bill: [HB 886](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hornberger

Title: Certified Peer Recovery Specialists – Coverage Under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance and Workgroup on Certification

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

Bill: [HJ 7](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Williams

Title: Anti-Nuclear Proliferation Resolution (Back from the Brink Act)

Status: In the House – First Reading House – Rules and Executive Nominations

Bill: [SB 495](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Health – Newborn Screening Program – Gaucher Disease

Status: In the Senate – Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. – Finance

Bill: [SB 587](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Guzzone

Title: Maryland Patient Safety Center Fund – Funding

Status: In the Senate – Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. – Budget and Taxation

Bill: [SB 608](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Mautz

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Plan and Health Insurance – Pharmacogenomic Testing – Required Coverage

Status: In the Senate – First Reading – Finance