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**MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 23, 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 1014](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 707\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Woods

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

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

Position: Support with Amendments

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: Letter of Information

Bill: [HB 1365](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: Health Occupations and Insurance - Menopause - Provider Training and Coverage Requirements

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1372](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Solomon

Title: Public Health - Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission

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

Position: Support with Amendments

Bill: [HB 1481](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Reilly

Title: Tissue Banks and Hospitals - Autologous and Directed Blood Donations

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

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 1527](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Arikan

Title: Complementary and Alternative Health Care - Practice Authorized (Complementary and Alternative Health Care Practice Act)

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/18 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Oppose

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: No Position

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: Support

V. Health Insurance (HI)

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: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 1124](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 796\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Palakovich Carr

Title: Commercial Law - Consumer Protections - Health Care Financing

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. – Economic Matters

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1385](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Health Insurance - Use of Artificial Intelligence - Human Evaluation

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

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 1450](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate S. Johnson

Title: Health Insurance - Coordination of Benefits - Carrier Responsibilities and Retroactive Denials of Reimbursement

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1469](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Health Insurance - Workgroup to Study the Definition of Specialty Drug

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

Position: Support with Amendments

VI. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 1255](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 761\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Young

Title: Expansion of Commercial Gaming - Internet Gaming Referendum

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. – Ways and Means

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 1364](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Pena-Melnyk

Title: Public Health - Mammograms - Arterial Calcification Notice

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1367](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Cullison

Title: Commission on Re-Imagining Health Care in Maryland

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 1376](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Rosenberg

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children's Health Program, and Health

Insurance - Transfers to Special Pediatric Hospitals - Requirements

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1377](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kaiser

Title: Prescription Drug Repository Program - Redirecting Safe Prescription Drugs Pilot Program

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: FYI

Bill: [HB 1401](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate McComas

Title: Public Health - Abortion - Informed Consent

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/19 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 1468](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ruff

Title: Hospitals - Patients in Active Labor - Safe Discharge Labor Plans

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

Position: FYI

Bill: [HB 1485](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Chair, Health Committee

Title: Public Health - Crisis Response System - Resources for Family Members and Trauma-Informed Care Training (Tiarra's Law)

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 1559](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: The Speaker

Title: Children in Unlicensed Settings and Pediatric Hospital Overstay Patients - Placement

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

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 995](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Woods

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

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

Position: FYI

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 – Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

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: Support with Amendment

Bill: [HB 1519](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Amprey

Title: Cannabis - Management Service Agreements, Advertising, and Penalties - Alterations (Cannabis Reform and Opportunity Act)

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

Position: Oppose

VII. FYI

Bill: [HB 1375](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(SB 969\)](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Howard

Title: Health Insurance - Lyme Disease and Related Tick-Borne Illnesses - Long-Term Antibiotic Treatment

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Bill: [HB 1380](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Fair

Title: Health Insurance - Prescriptions for Gender-Affirming Care and Hormone Therapy - Coverage and Dispensing Requirements

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Bill: [HB 1435](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Spiegel

Title: Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Hormone-Related Care

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Bill: [HB 1461](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Taveras

Title: Health Insurance - Coverage for Specialty Drugs - Rheumatologic Conditions

Status: In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m. – Health

Bill: [HB 1464](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Guzzone

Title: Health Insurance - Third-Party Administrators - Verification of Eligibility

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

Bill: [HB 1556](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ross

Title: Business Regulation - Sugary Beverage Advertisements - Warning Labels

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

Bill: [HB 1597](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Hill

Title: Health - Unregulated Space in Hospital Operating Suites - Pilot Project

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

Bill: [SB 913](#)

Cross-File Bill: [\(HB 1507\)](#)

Sponsor: Senator Mautz

Title: Motor Vehicles - Enhanced Tinted Windows - Medical Exemption

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