

MHAMD 2016 Priority/Monitor Bill List

Bill #	Name	Purpose	Sponsor	Committee	Crossfile	MHAMD Position	Bill Status
SB 89	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Provision of Substance Use Services to Enrollees of Managed Care Organizations	Modifies the statute to accurately reflect the manner in which substance use disorder services are currently coordinated and reimbursed.	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	FIN		SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
SB 304	Maryland Commission on Health in All Policies	Establishes a Commission to examine, develop and implement laws and policies that improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities and costs to society by positively impacting the factors that affect public health.	Nathan-Pulliam	FIN	HB 423	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 334	Health Insurance - Access to Accurate Provider Directories	Requires insurance carriers to keep updated, accurate, and searchable provider directories, including performing audits and providing a mechanism for providers and members to update information and note inaccuracies.	Kelley	FIN		SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 335	Health Insurance - Assignment of Benefits and Reimbursement of Nonpreferred Providers - Modifications	Expands the current assignment of benefits law to other non-physical healthcare providers, enabling consumers to assign their benefits to a nonparticipating provider and avoid balance billing.	Kelley	FIN	HB 1505	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 336	Hospitals - Designation of Lay Caregivers	Provides hospital patients an opportunity to designate a lay caregiver prior to discharge for purposes of aftercare planning.	Kelley	FIN / HGO	HB 1277	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 354	Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Minors - Sealing of Court Records	Provides for an adult to seal court records related to a petition for an emergency mental health evaluation that occurred when they were a minor.	Feldman	FIN & JPR / HGO	HB 364	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 355	Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program - Establishment	Establishes ABLE Program in Maryland, which allows people with disabilities to save money without sacrificing eligibility for benefits.	Feldman	B&T / HGO	HB 431	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 421	Special Education - Translations of Individualized Education Programs or Individualized Family Service Plans - Native Language	Provides for parents of a child with a disability to receive IEP or IFSP plans in their native language.	Ramirez	EHE / W&M	HB 86	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 465	Community Colleges - Tuition Waiver for Disabled Individuals - Requirements	Repeals a requirement that community college students must first apply financial aid to their tuition before receiving a tuition exemption based on their disability.	Madaleno	EHE / W&M		SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE / NO HOUSE ACTION
SB 494	State Department of Education - Community-Partnered School Behavioral Health Services Programs - Reporting System and Report (School Behavioral Health Accountability Act)	Requires the development of a standardized reporting mechanism and outcomes measures to demonstrate the effectiveness of community-partnered school behavioral health programs.	Nathan-Pulliam	EHE / W&M	HB 713	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 497	Behavioral Health Community Providers - Keep the Door Open Act	Indexes behavioral health provider reimbursement rates to medical inflation.	Guzzone	FIN & B&T / HGO	HB 595	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE / PASSED HOUSE AMENDED [No Final Action]

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SB 549	Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council - Membership and Extension of Termination Date	Alters Council membership and extends the termination date for three years.	Pugh	FIN / HGO	HB 730	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 551	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Behavioral Health Advisory Council - Clinical Crisis Walk-In Services and Mobile Crisis Teams - Strategic Plan	Requires development of a plan for ensuring that behavioral health crisis walk-in services and mobile crisis teams are available 24/7 statewide.	Pugh	FIN / HGO	HB 682	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 569	Methadone Treatment Facilities - Location - Limitations	Prohibits methadone treatment facilities from being established within a certain distance of schools or child care centers.	Gladden	FIN		OPPOSE	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 586	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Regional Institutes for Children and Adolescents - Report Before Closure	Requires DHMH to submit a report to the legislature before closing a RICA documenting the reasons for the closure and other information.	King	FIN / HGO	HB 1509	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 601	Hospitals - Community Benefit Report - Disclosure of Tax Exemptions	Requires that hospitals include an itemization of the value of their tax exemptions in their annual reports which detail the community benefits they provided the prior year.	Peters	FIN	HB 1189	SUPPORT	UNFAVORABLE REPORT BY COMMITTEE
SB 661	Hospitals - Patient's Bill of Rights	Outlines a series of rights which must be afforded to every hospital patient and requires that each patient be provided with a written copy of those rights.	Benson	FIN	HB 587	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
SB 707	Freestanding Medical Facilities - Certificate of Need, Rates, and Definition	Exempts the conversion of a licensed general hospital to a freestanding medical facility from the requirement to obtain a certificate of need.	Middleton	FIN / HGO	HB 1350	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
SB 768	Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board	Establishes a body charged with overseeing implementation of recommendations from the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council and creates a special fund to make use of the savings gleaned from those recommendations.	Peters	B&T / JPR		SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 858	Mental Health - Wraparound Services for Children and Youth	Provides for the provision of community-based wraparound services for up to 300 children and youth with intensive mental health needs. <i>[Bill withdrawn after receiving written assurance that DHMH will continue to make Wraparound services available to youth with intensive needs.]</i>	Kelley	FIN	HB 579	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
SB 887	Health Insurance - Consumer Health Claim Filing Fairness Act	Requires that insurance companies allow members up to one year to submit claims for services.	Middleton	FIN / HGO	HB 1150	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 899	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Specialty Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services - Parity	Requires DHMH to adopt regulations that ensure Medicaid is in compliance with the federal parity law.	Klausmeier	FIN / HGO	HB 1217	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 919	Insurance - Exemption From State Insurance Laws for Self-Funded Student Health Plans	Exempts self-funded student health plans from state insurance regulation.	Middleton	FIN / HGO	HB 1247	MONITOR	BILL PASSED

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SB 929	Health Benefit Plans - Network Access Standards and Provider Network Directories	Requires the Maryland Insurance Administration to adopt regulations that ensure adequate provider networks, and requires that insurers maintain audited and accurate provider directories and provide notices of consumer rights.	Klausmeier	FIN / HGO	HB 1318	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 931	Birth Certificates - Homeless Individuals - Prohibition on Collection of Fee	Prohibits the collection of a fee for a birth certificate issued to a homeless individual.	Zucker	FIN / HGO	HB 280	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 950	Education - Students With Disabilities - Parental Consent for Individualized Education Program Content	Requires IEP teams to obtain written parental consent before implementing certain proposals related to a student's IEP.	Conway	EHE / W&M	HB 778	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE / PASSED HOUSE AMENDED
SB 1005	Justice Reinvestment Act	Omnibus legislation to enact the criminal justice reforms recommended by the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council.	Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council	JPR / JUD & HGO	HB 1312	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT	BILL PASSED
SB 1060	Public Health - Opioid Maintenance Programs - Licensing	Requires an assessment be completed before licensing an opioid maintenance program that identifies various crime statistics and population demographics in the catchment area of the proposed program.	Conway	FIN	HB 1416	OPPOSE	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 1144	Cigarette Restitution Fund - Establishment of Behavioral Health Treatment Account and Funding for Substance Use Treatment Services	Requires the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include a separate account to fund substance use treatment services and behavioral health provider rate increases.	Guzzone	B&T	HB 1618	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 28	Commission on the Disposition of the Crownsville Hospital Center Property	Establishes a Commission to sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the Crownsville Hospital Center property.	McConkey	E&T / RULES		SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT	PASSED HOUSE
HB 85	Education - Children With Disabilities - Support Services - Parental Notification	Provides that parents of a child with a disability shall be given written information they can use to contact early intervention and special education support staff and details about the services provided by those staff members.	Luedtke	W&M / EHE		SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 86	Special Education - Translations of Individualized Education Programs or Individualized Family Service Plans - Native Language	Provides for parents of a child with a disability to receive IEP or IFSP plans in their native language.	Luedtke	W&M / EHE	SB 421	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 106	Human Relations - Discrimination in Housing - Reentry-Into-Society Status	Adds persons that have completed a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment to the list of protected statuses under the fair housing statute.	Fennell	E&T		MONITOR	UNFAVORABLE REPORT BY COMMITTEE
HB 265	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Health Care Facilities - Abuser Registry	Establishes a registry of individuals terminated from employment at a health care facility for a conviction involving abuse or neglect of a resident/patient at the facility and provides that another health care facility may not employ an individual on the registry.	B. Robinson	HGO		MONITOR	UNFAVORABLE REPORT BY COMMITTEE

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HB 279	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Abuser Registry Workgroup Recommendations - Report	Requires DHMH to provide a progress report on the status of implementation of recommendations from the state's Abuser Registry Workgroup.	B. Robinson	HGO		MONITOR	UNFAVORABLE REPORT BY COMMITTEE
HB 280	Birth Certificates - Homeless Individuals - Prohibition on Collection of Fee	Prohibits the collection of a fee for a birth certificate issued to a homeless individual.	Moon	HGO / FIN	SB 931	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 364	Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Minors - Sealing of Court Records	Provides for an adult to seal court records related to a petition for an emergency mental health evaluation that occurred when they were a minor.	Dumais	HGO / FIN & JPR	SB 354	SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE / NO SENATE ACTION <i>[Crossfiled Bill Passed]</i>
HB 365	Public Schools - Bullying, Harassment, and Intimidation Policies - Update	Requires the State Board of Education to update it's model policy every five years, including policy related to social media communication.	Jackson	W&M / EHE		MONITOR	BILL PASSED
HB 423	Maryland Commission on Health in All Policies	Establishes a Commission to examine, develop and implement laws and policies that improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities and costs to society by positively impacting the factors that affect public health.	Morhaim	HGO	SB 304	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 431	Maryland Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Program - Establishment	Establishes ABLE Program in Maryland, which allows people with disabilities to save money without sacrificing eligibility for benefits.	Zucker	HGO / B&T	SB 355	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 441	Public Health - Assisted Outpatient Treatment and Mobile Crisis Teams	Provides for a court to order involuntary outpatient mental health treatment.	W. Miller	HGO		OPPOSE	WITHDRAWN
HB 551	Education - Children With Disabilities - Individualized Education Program Mediation	Requires that parents in disagreement with their child's individualized education program be provided with information explaining their right to request mediation.	Kaiser	W&M / EHE		SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 574	Ji'Aire Lee Workgroup on the Protection of Adults With Mental Illness and Their Children	Establishes a workgroup to evaluate laws, systems and services that are in place to help and protect individuals with serious mental illness in crisis and their children.	Charles County Delegation	HGO		LETTER OF INFORMATION	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 579	Mental Health - Wraparound Services for Children and Youth	Provides for the provision of community-based wraparound services for up to 300 children and youth with intensive mental health needs. <i>[Bill withdrawn after receiving written assurance that DHMH will continue to make Wraparound services available to youth with intensive needs.]</i>	Rosenberg	HGO	SB 858	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 587	Hospitals - Patient's Bill of Rights	Outlines a series of rights which must be afforded to every hospital patient and requires that each patient be provided with a written copy of those rights.	K. Young	HGO	SB 661	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 595	Behavioral Health Community Providers - Keep the Door Open Act	Indexes behavioral health provider reimbursement rates to medical inflation.	Hayes	HGO / RULES	SB 497	SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE / NO SENATE ACTION

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HB 682	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Behavioral Health Advisory Council - Clinical Crisis Walk-In Services and Mobile Crisis Teams - Strategic Plan	Requires development of a plan for ensuring that behavioral health crisis walk-in services and mobile crisis teams are available 24/7 statewide.	Rosenberg	HGO / FIN	SB 551	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 685	Department of Aging - Comprehensive Plan for the Aging Population	Requires DoA to develop a comprehensive long-term plan to address the impacts and needs of the state's aging population.	Krimm	HGO		MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 713	State Department of Education - Community-Partnered School Behavioral Health Services Programs - Reporting System and Report (School Behavioral Health Accountability Act)	Requires the development of a standardized reporting mechanism and outcomes measures to demonstrate the effectiveness of community-partnered school behavioral health programs.	Luedtke	W&M / EHE	SB 494	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 730	Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council - Membership and Extension of Termination Date	Alters Council membership and extends the termination date for three years.	Sample-Hughes	HGO / FIN	SB 549	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 759	Home Act of 2016	Prohibits landlords and sellers from discriminating against prospective tenants based on their source of income.	Lafferty	E&T		SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 778	Education - Students With Disabilities - Parental Consent for Individualized Education Program Content Education - Students With Disabilities - Study of Parental Consent in the Individualized Education Program	Requires IEP teams to obtain written parental consent before implementing certain proposals related to a student's IEP. <i>[As amended, bill requires a workgroup to review the issue of parental consent in the IEP process.]</i>	M. Washington	W&M / RULES	SB 950	SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE / NO SENATE ACTION
HB 800	Health Insurance - Payments to Noncontracting Specialists and Noncontracting Nonphysician Specialist	Requires insurance companies to pay non contracting specialists, both physicians and nonphysicians at least 140% of the Medicare rate for covered services provided to insured individuals.	Maryland Insurance Administration	HGO		SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT	WITHDRAWN
HB 802	Health Insurance - Provider Panel Lists	Requires insurance companies to keep accurate and updated provider directories, and requires insurers to demonstrate accuracy upon request of the Insurance Commissioner.	Maryland Insurance Administration	HGO		SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT	WITHDRAWN
HB 885	Behavioral Health Administration - Creation and Maintenance of Mental Health Professional Profiles (Patient Protection Provider Information Act)	Requires BHA to create and maintain public profiles on certain mental health professionals that includes information related to the individual's education, practice and disciplinary history.	Vogt	HGO		MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 978	Task Force to Study Housing, Health, and Economic Stability of Maryland Seniors	Establishes a Task Force to look at a number of issues related to Maryland seniors, including the use and adequacy of Medicaid and mental, behavioral, and general health long-term care policies.	M. Washington	APP		MONITOR	UNFAVORABLE REPORT BY COMMITTEE
HB 1103	Health Care Practitioners - Use of Teletherapy	Establishes a range of requirements related to the use of teletherapy by certain behavioral health service providers.	Reznik	HGO		MONITOR	WITHDRAWN

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HB 1150	Health Insurance - Consumer Health Claim Filing Fairness Act	Requires that insurance companies allow members up to one year to submit claims for services.	McMillan	HGO / FIN	SB 887	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 1184	Workgroup to Study the Effect of Poverty on the Behavioral Health of Children	Establishes a workgroup to study and make recommendations on issues related to the effect of poverty on the behavioral health of children.	Angel	HGO		SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1188	Law Enforcement Officers - Entrance-Level and In-Service Training Requirements - Mental Health Issues	Requires training for law enforcement officers related concerning mental health issues.	Angel	JUD		LETTER OF INFORMATION	UNFAVORABLE REPORT BY COMMITTEE
HB 1189	Hospitals - Community Benefit Report - Disclosure of Tax Exemptions	Requires that hospitals include an itemization of the value of their tax exemptions in their annual reports which detail the community benefits they provided the prior year.	Angel	HGO	SB 601	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 1217	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Specialty Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services - Parity	Requires DHMH to adopt regulations that ensure Medicaid is in compliance with the federal parity law.	Sample-Hughes	HGO / FIN	SB 899	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 1247	Insurance - Self-Funded Student Health Plans	Exempts self-funded student health plans from state insurance regulation.	Hayes	HGO / FIN	SB 919	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
HB 1277	Hospitals - Designation of Lay Caregivers	Provides hospital patients an opportunity to designate a lay caregiver prior to discharge for purposes of aftercare planning.	Cullison	HGO / FIN	SB 336	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 1282	Health Enterprise Zone Practitioners - Trauma-Informed Care - Training	Requires that health care professionals practicing in designated Health Enterprise Zones be trained in trauma-informed care.	Sample-Hughes	HGO		SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 1312	Justice Reinvestment Act	Omnibus legislation to enact the criminal justice reforms recommended by the Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council.	Justice Reinvestment Coordinating Council	JUD & HGO / JPR	SB 1005	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT	PASSED HOUSE / NO SENATE ACTION <i>[Crossfiled Bill Passed]</i>
HB 1318	Health Benefit Plans - Network Access Standards and Provider Network Directories	Requires the Maryland Insurance Administration to adopt regulations that ensure adequate provider networks, and requires that insurers maintain audited and accurate provider directories and provide notices of consumer rights.	Kelly	HGO / FIN	SB 929	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 1347	Medicaid - Managed Care Organizations - Disenrollment	Authorizes a Medicaid recipient to disenroll from a managed care organization to maintain continuity of care with a pharmacy provider.	Kipke	HGO		MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 1350	Freestanding Medical Facilities - Certificate of Need, Rates, and Definition	Exempts the conversion of a licensed general hospital to a freestanding medical facility from the requirement to obtain a certificate of need.	Hammen	HGO / FIN	SB 707	MONITOR	PASSED HOUSE / NO SENATE ACTION <i>[Crossfiled Bill Passed]</i>

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HB 1385	Public Health - Electronic Advance Directives - Witness Requirements, Information Sheet, and Repository Services Procedures, Information Sheet, and Use of Electronic Advance Directives	Implements provisions to encourage and better facilitate the use of electronic advance directives.	Morhaim	HGO / FIN		SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 1416	Public Health - Opioid Maintenance Programs - Licensing	Requires an assessment be completed before licensing an opioid maintenance program that identifies various crime statistics and population demographics in the catchment area of the proposed program.	M. Washington	HGO	SB 1060	OPPOSE	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1437	Education - Individualized Counseling Services - Requirements	Requires that a school take certain actions upon determination that a student needs individualized counseling services beyond those provided by the local school system.	Angel	HGO / W&M		SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1467	Department of Human Resources - Housing Counselor and Aftercare Program	Establishes a program in DHR to assist homeless individuals or those in danger of experiencing a housing crisis in obtaining and maintaining permanent affordable housing.	Krimm	APP		SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 1501	Governor's Office for Children - Family Navigators Program	Establishes the Family Navigators Program in GOC to support parents and other caregivers of children or youth with mental or behavioral health needs or developmental disabilities.	Stein	APP		SUPPORT	UNFAVORABLE REPORT BY COMMITTEE
HB 1505	Health Insurance - Assignment of Benefits and Reimbursement of Nonpreferred Providers - Modifications	Expands the current assignment of benefits law to other non-physical healthcare providers, enabling consumers to assign their benefits to a nonparticipating provider and avoid balance billing.	Hayes	RULES	SB 335	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1509	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Regional Institutes for Children and Adolescents - Report Before Closure	Requires DHMH to submit a report to the legislature before closing a RICA documenting the reasons for the closure and other information.	Hixson	RULES	SB 586	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1618	Cigarette Restitution Fund - Establishment of Behavioral Health Treatment Account and Funding for Substance Use Treatment Services	Requires the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include a separate account to fund substance use treatment services and behavioral health provider rate increases.	Hammen	HGO / RULES	SB 1144	SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE / PASSED SENATE AMENDED [No Final Action]