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**Legislative Policy Conference Call**  
**Friday, February 7, 2020, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM**  
**AGENDA**

Web Meeting: <https://meet.google.com/rdy-ohvi-obc?hs=122>  
Conference line: 1- 405-531-9268 PIN: 430 184 975#

**1. WELCOME / ROLL CALL**  
**2. UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES**

[SB 166](#) Drugs and Devices- Electronic Prescriptions - Controlled Dangerous Substances -- *Senate Finance Hearing Rescheduled for 2/20*

[SB 752](#) Public Health - Non-Controlled Dangerous Substance Prescription Record System Program -- *Introduced*

Meetings with legislators.

**3. ACTION:** Vote on Staff Recommended Positions on Bills with Hearings Next Week

[SB 501](#) Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants – Administration and Funding -- *Support*

[HB 195](#) State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Health Benefits - Required Participation in the Individual Exchange by Carriers -- *Support*

**4. OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

2/13/2020 and 2/17/2020: MHCC Budget Hearings

3/16/2020: Opposite House cross-over date

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

**Position Options:**

1. No Position
2. Letter of Information
3. Letter of Concern
4. Support (with or without amendment)
5. Oppose

**Bills with Hearings Week of 2/10**

A selected list of bills with hearings next week that may be of interest to MHCC staff and Commissioners.

<b>Bill#</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Cross-File #</b>	<b>Draft Position</b>	<b>Status</b>
<a href="#">SB183</a>	Senator Lam	HEALTH INSURANCE – HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS – SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOR PREGNANCY	Altering, to remove a requirement that a health care practitioner confirms a pregnancy and to add a requirement that the eligible employee or the employee’s spouse or dependent attests to the pregnancy, the circumstances under which certain individuals who become pregnant are eligible for a certain special enrollment period; altering the date on which the special enrollment period for certain individuals who become pregnant begins; etc.	None	No Position	Finance, 2/12, 1:00
<a href="#">SB402</a>	Senators Kagan and Lam	HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – TELEHEALTH	Authorizing certain health care practitioners to establish a practitioner–patient relationship through certain telehealth interactions under certain circumstances; requiring a health care practitioner providing telehealth services to be held to the same standards of practice that are applicable to in–person settings; requiring a health care practitioner to perform a clinical evaluation appropriate for the condition the patient presents before providing certain treatment or issuing a prescription through telehealth; etc.	HB448	No Position	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs, 2/13/2020. 1:00
<a href="#">SB413</a>	Senator Kramer, et al	INCOME TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS WORKING IN STEM FIELDS – STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS	Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for certain individuals with outstanding student loan debt during the taxable year if the debt was incurred to attend an institution of higher education, an associate, bachelor’s, graduate, or postgraduate degree was obtained, and the individual is employed full–time by a Maryland–based employer in a certain field; authorizing certain individuals, on or before December 1 each year, to apply for the credit; etc.	None	No Position	Budget and Taxation, 2/12/2020, 2:00 PM

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<p><a href="#">SB501</a></p>	<p>Senators Griffith and Hershey</p>	<p>MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – ADMINISTRATION AND FUNDING</p>	<p>Transferring oversight of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants from the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department, by October 1, 2021, and each October 1 thereafter, to submit a report to the General Assembly on the number of eligible physicians and physician assistants who applied for and participated in the Program that includes certain information; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.</p>	<p>HB998</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs, 2/13/20, 1:00</p>
<p><a href="#">SB547</a></p>	<p>Senator Young</p>	<p>HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – HOSPITALS AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS – DISCRIMINATION PROTECTION</p>	<p>Altering the actions with regard to which hospitals and related institutions are prohibited from discriminating against individuals on certain grounds to include the treatment or procedure sought by the individual under certain circumstances; altering the characteristics of an individual on the basis of which hospitals and related institutions are prohibited from discriminating against the individual in certain actions; etc.</p>	<p>HB317</p>	<p>No Position</p>	<p>Finance, 2/13/20 @ 1PM</p>
<p><a href="#">HB195</a></p>	<p>Delegate Pena–Melnyk</p>	<p>STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE BENEFITS PROGRAM – HEALTH BENEFITS – REQUIRED PARTICIPATION IN THE INDIVIDUAL EXCHANGE BY CARRIERS</p>	<p>Prohibiting carriers from offering health benefits under the Maryland State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program unless the carrier also offers certain qualified health benefit plans through the Individual Exchange of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange; exempting a carrier from the requirement to offer certain qualified health benefit plans through the Individual Exchange under certain circumstances; etc.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Support</p>	<p>Health and Government Operations, 2/13/20 1PM</p>

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<p><a href="#">HB332</a></p>	<p>Delegate Bagnall, et al</p>	<p>MENTAL HEALTH – EMERGENCY FACILITIES LIST – COMPREHENSIVE CRISIS RESPONSE CENTERS, CRISIS STABILIZATION CENTERS, AND CRISIS TREATMENT CENTERS</p>	<p>Providing that the list of emergency facilities the Maryland Department of Health is required to publish may include comprehensive crisis response centers, crisis stabilization centers, and crisis treatment centers.</p>	<p>SB441</p>	<p>No position</p>	<p>Health and Government Operations, 2/12/2020, 1:00 PM</p>
<p><a href="#">HB456</a></p>	<p>Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al</p>	<p>MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH OUTREACH PROGRAMS – COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE, AND OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA</p>	<p>Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with the Department of Aging, the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council, and the Alzheimer’s Association, to incorporate information regarding cognitive impairment, Alzheimer’s disease, and other types of dementia into relevant public health outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health in order to educate health care providers and increase understanding of matters related to certain types of cognitive impairment; etc.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>No Position</p>	<p>Health and Government Operations, 2/12/1:00</p>
<p><a href="#">HB483</a></p>	<p>Delegate Krebs</p>	<p>ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT – DISPOSITIONS AND SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS – TIME PERIODS</p>	<p>Requiring an agency or the Office of Administrative Hearings to dispose of a contested case within 90 days from a certain evidentiary hearing; authorizing a certain named party to provide certain written notice that a decision is due; establishing that a certain decision shall be in favor of the named party under certain circumstances; and requiring a certain unit to issue a certain order on a certain summary suspension within 30 days from the date of the summary suspension.</p>	<p>SB297</p>	<p>No position</p>	<p>Judiciary, 2/12/2020</p>

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<a href="#">HB498</a>	Delegate Hill, et al	DEPARTMENT OF AGING – GRANTS FOR AGING–IN–PLACE PROGRAMS – FUNDING	Requiring that the Governor include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$1,000,000 to be used to make grants to certain nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to expand and establish aging–in– place programs for seniors; requiring at least 10% of the appropriated funding be used to support senior villages; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.	None	No position	Appropriations, 2/11/2020, 1:00 PM
<a href="#">HB653</a>	Delegate Reznik	INSURANCE – MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY PLANS – OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD FOLLOWING BIRTHDAY	Requiring a carrier to make available to an individual enrolled in a Medicare supplement policy plan different Medicare supplement policy plans with certain benefits during the 30 days following the individual’s birthday; prohibiting a carrier, for a plan required to be made available under certain provisions of the Act, from denying or conditioning the effectiveness of the plan, or discriminating in the pricing of the plan, based on certain factors; etc.	SB659	No position	HGO, 2/13/20 @ 1PM
<a href="#">HB729</a>	Delegate Hill	HEALTH INSURANCE – PAYMENT OF CLEAN CLAIMS – TIME LIMIT	Reducing the number of days, from 30 to 3, after the receipt of certain claims or certain information under certain circumstances within which an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, or a health maintenance organization is required to mail or otherwise transmit certain payments or send certain notices; and altering a requirement that an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, or a health maintenance organization pay certain interest on a certain amount of a claim under certain circumstances.	None	No Position	HGO, 2/13/20 @ 1PM
<a href="#">HB781</a>	Delegates Hettleman and Kelly	HEALTH INSURANCE – IN VITRO FERTILIZATION – REVISIONS	Prohibiting certain entities from discriminating on the basis of the marital status of a policyholder or subscriber when providing coverage for certain expenses arising from in vitro fertilization procedures; altering the circumstances under which certain entities are required to provide coverage for certain expenses arising from in vitro fertilization procedures; etc.	SB988	No Position	HGO, 2/13/20 @ 1PM