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Legislative Policy Conference Call
Friday, February 8, 2019
8:00 AM
AGENDA

1. UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES

2. ACTION: Discussion of Positions on Bills with Hearings next week

- [HB 247 \(SB 445\) Maryland Health Care Commission-Surgical Birth Rate Study](#) - Letter of Information
- [HB 409 \(SB 469\) Drugs and Devices - Electronic Prescriptions - Requirements](#) - - Letter of Information

3. OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITES:

4. ADJOURNMENT

Bills with hearings week of 2/12

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter)	Title	Status	Summary	Original House Committee(s) and	Relevance to MHCC	MHCC Position	First Reader Dept Request	MHCC Fiscal Note (\$)
HB247 /SB445	Maryland Health Care Commission-Surgical Birth Rate Study	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, the Vital Statistics Administration, and interested stakeholders, to conduct a study regarding the surgical birth rate in the State; requiring the Commission to examine the rate of complications, increased health care costs and global research programs related to surgical births; requiring the Commission to report its recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2020; etc.	Health and Government Operations	Statutory Impact	No Position	1/24/2019	
HB409 :SB469	Drugs and Devices - Electronic Prescriptions - Requirements	Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.	Requiring, except under certain circumstances, a certain health practitioner to issue a prescription electronically; authorizing an authorized prescriber to issue a written or oral prescription only under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Health, in collaboration with the Maryland Health Care Commission, to adopt certain regulations regarding a certain waiver that includes certain provisions; etc.	Health and Government Operations	Policy Interest	No Position	1/30/2019	

Upcoming Bills

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SB430	Maryland Health Care Commission- Authorized Prescribers -Reporting of Financial Gratuities or Incentives	First Reading Finance	Requiring each authorized prescriber who receives a financial gratuity or incentive from a pharmaceutical distributor or manufacturer to file a certain disclosure form with the Maryland Health Care Commission within 30 days of the receipt of the financial gratuity or incentive: authorizing the Commission to impose a fine of up to \$1,000 per violation; requiring the Commission to adopt certain regulations; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.	Finance	Statutory Impact	YES
HB626	Health Care Facilities - Change in Bed Capacity - Certificate of Need Exemption	First Reading Health and Government Operations	Exempting an increase or decrease in bed capacity from the certificate of need requirement if the increase or decrease will occur in a certain intermediate care facility that has a current license issued by the Secretary of Health, an existing general hospice program that has a current license issued by the Secretary, or a hospital with acute psychiatric beds under certain circumstances that has a current license issued by the Secretary and certain notice is filed with the Maryland Health Care Commission within a certain period of time.	Health and Government Operations	Statutory Impact	

HB646	Maryland Health Care Commission - State Health Plan and Certificate of Need for Hospital Capital Expenditures	First Reading Health and Government Operations	Altering the frequency, from at least once every 5 years to on or before October 1 each year, at which the Maryland Health Care Commission is required to adopt a State health plan; requiring the State health plan to be consistent with a certain contract; requiring, annually or on petition by any person, the Commission to assess each State health plan chapter, make a certain determination, and establish a certain priority order and timeline in a certain manner; etc.	Health and Government Operations	Statutory Impact	
SB0597	Maryland Health Care Commission - State Health Plan and Certificate of Need for Hospital Capital Expenditures	First Reading Finance	Altering the frequency, from at least once every 5 years to every year, at which the Maryland Health Care Commission is required to adopt a State health plan; requiring the State health plan to be consistent with a certain contract; requiring, annually or on petition by any person, the Commission to assess each State health plan chapter, make a certain determination, and establish a certain priority order and timeline in a certain manner; etc.	Finance	Statutory Impact	
SB649	Health Care Facilities - Change in Bed Capacity - Certificate of Need Exemption	First Reading Finance	Exempting an increase or decrease in bed capacity from the certificate of need requirement if the increase or decrease will occur in an intermediate care facility that offers residential or intensive substance-related disorder treatment services, an existing general hospice program, or a hospital with acute psychiatric beds, under certain circumstances, and written notice of the intent to change bed capacity is filed with the Maryland Health Care Commission at least 45 days before increasing or decreasing bed capacity; etc.	Finance	Statutory Impact	