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Legislative Policy Conference Call
Friday, January 29, 2021, 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

AGENDA

Web Meeting: <https://meet.google.com/ruo-zver-itv>
Conference line: 1- 260-702-9340 PIN: 177 170 167#

1. WELCOME / ROLL CALL

2. UPDATE OF ACTIVITIES:

SB 3 - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021- *Senate Finance Hearing – 1/27/2021*

Support with Amendments

HB 123 - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021- *House HGO Hearing – 1/27/2021*

Support with Amendments

Medical Debt/Debt Collection:

HB 565/SB 514 - Health Facilities - Hospitals - Medical Debt Protection

3. ACTION: Vote on Staff Recommended Positions on Bills with Hearings Next 2 Weeks

Telehealth Bills:

HB 434 - Public Health – Telehealth – Health Care Practitioners and the Maryland Medical Assistance Program – *Position TBD - **Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.*** <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0434>

HB 551 (SB 393) - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services - *Support (SB 393 bill hearing held 1/29 – No position) - **Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.*** <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0551>

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HB 731/SB 567 - Telehealth Services – Expansion (Lieutenant Governor's bill)
(*Position TBD*) - **Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.**
<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0731>

HB 732/SB 568 - Health Care Practitioners - Telehealth - Out-of-State Health
Care Practitioners (Lieutenant Governor's bill) (*Position TBD*) **Hearing 2/10 at**
1:30 p.m. <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0732>

Health Disparities:

SB 565 (HB 309) - Public Health - Data - Race and Ethnicity Information –
Support - Hearing TBD
<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0565>

Memory Care and Alzheimer's:

HB 416 (SB 204) - Health Care Facilities – Assisted Living Programs – Memory
Care and Alzheimer's Disease Unit Regulations – *Letter of Information –*
Hearing TBD
<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0416?ys=2021RS>

SB 204 (HB 416) - Health Care Facilities – Assisted Living Programs – Memory
Care and Alzheimer's Disease Unit Regulations – *Letter of Information - Hearing*
2/11 at 1:00 p.m.
<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0204>

4. OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

2/5/2021: 24th Day – HOUSE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE

House bills introduced after this date referred to the House Rules and Executive
Nominations Committee

2/8/2021: 27th Day – SENATE BILL INTRODUCTION DATE

Senate bills introduced after this date referred to the Senate Rules Committee

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2/15/2021: MHCC Budget Hearings
Joint w/Appropriations and Budget and Taxation

3/22/2020: 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