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Legislative Policy Conference Call
Friday, February 5, 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:

HB 123/SB 3 - Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021 -
Support with Amendments (amendments modified)

MHCC – Departmental Bill (No bill #) - Health Information Exchange-
Definition and Consent Management

Support

CRISP - (No bill #) - Health Information Exchange Infrastructure for Public
Health

Support

Telehealth Bill Hearings:

***HB 731/SB 567** - Telehealth Services – Expansion (Lieutenant Governor's bill)
(Support with Amendments) - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0731>

HB 434 - Public Health – Telehealth – Health Care Practitioners and the
Maryland Medical Assistance Program – **(No Position) – Cancelled Hearing 2/10**
at 1:30 p.m. <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0434>

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HB 551/SB 393 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services – *(No Position) - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.*

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/hb0551>

HB 732/SB 568 - Health Care Practitioners - Telehealth - Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners (Lieutenant Governor's bill) *(No Position) - 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 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.* Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs (EHEA)

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/sb0565>

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

HB 936: Hospitals and Freestanding Medical Facilities - Closing or Partial Closing - Public Notice

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0936?ys=2021RS>

SB 652/HB 599: Public Health - Long-Term Care Planning – *(Position TBD) Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 pm*

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0652?ys=2021RS>

HB 674/SB 704 -Nursing Homes - Transfer of Ownership - Site Visits and Surveys *Hearing 2/18 at 1:30 p.m. (No Position – Monitor) OHCQ - Letter of Information*

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/HB0674?ys=2021RS>

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4. OVERVIEW OF UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

2/15/2021: MHCC Budget Hearings

Joint w/Appropriations and Budget and Taxation

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

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