



## **Workplan**

### **Nursing Home Acquisitions Transparency Workgroup**

1. Background:

- SB 590/HB702 passed during 2023 legislative session

**Study Purpose:** The purpose of the work group is to look at the current role of the MHCC in working with nursing home acquisitions and how acquisitions are impacting quality of care in nursing homes. The work group will also make recommendations regarding the breadth of the MHCC's authority over acquisitions and if more time is required (30 vs. 60 days) to complete a review. The work group will look at two main areas related to acquisitions that are impacting quality of care: private equity and multiple-bed rooms (defined as nursing home rooms with more than two beds in a room).

- Timeline:
  - Draft report/recommendations due September 2023 Commission Meeting
  - Report to Commission in October or November meeting
  - Final report due to legislature December 1, 2023
- 2. Membership Development Work:
  - Review legislation regarding membership and scope of authority: MHCC (represents the State) stakeholders, nursing homeowners, health care facilities, consumer representatives, organized labor, patient advocacy, HFAM, Lifespan, Medicare, Maryland Department on Aging, Medicaid, OHCQ
- 3. Available Resources (collect for work group):
  - Previous MHCC nursing home studies on acquisitions
  - National level nursing home studies/studies in other states on acquisitions
  - 2019-2022 MHCC data on acquisitions in Maryland
  - COMAR 10.24.20 (Nursing Home Chapter)
- 4. Tentative Meeting Schedule
  - Meeting 1 (July 14, 2023) – Review: bill/testimony, work plan, and current MHCC practice (Handout: Change of Ownership/Acquisition Form, MHCC Current Regulations) on working with acquisitions. Look at how nursing home acquisitions are impacting quality of care in facilities. (Handout Articles: JAMA, GAO and ASPE).
  - Meeting 2- (~July 28, 2023) – **Private Equity** (Handout Articles: White House Fact Sheet, Georgetown), Speaker Atul Gupta
  - Meeting 3 (~August 18, 2023) – **Multiple-bed Rooms** (Handout: multiple-bed rooms in current regulations, MHCC data on multiple-bed rooms, current multiple-bed rooms in Maryland). Discuss elimination of multiple-bed rooms within two years after an acquisition.
  - Meeting 4 (~September 22, 2023) – Review draft report prior to Commission meeting, Q/A session, conclusions, next steps.
  - Meeting 5 (~October 27, 2023): Will we need an extension?
  - Present to Commission October 19, 2023 or November 16, 2023