

July 28, 2025

The Honorable Guy Guzzone  
Chairman, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

The Honorable Benjamin (Ben) Barnes  
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee  
Lowe House Office Building, Room 121  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991

**Re: JCR Report – 2025 – Page 174 – MHCC Access to Electronic Health Data for Skilled Nursing Facilities**

Dear Chairman Guzzone and Chairman Barnes:

The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC or Commission) is submitting the JCR report (report) in accordance with the 2025 JCR (p. 174) on the *Access to Electronic Health Data for Skilled Nursing Facilities*. Chapter 333 of 2023 authorizes a nursing home that contracts with or uses an electronic health network or electronic medical record vendor to direct the vendor to release patient medical records or electronic health care transactions to a business associate of the nursing home and specifies requirements for the vendors related to the release of this information. The committees requested that the Commission, in collaboration with CRISP, submit a report that:

- Describes activities to implement Chapter 333, including efforts to ensure that authorized data is released on a regular basis and in a timely manner;
- Evaluates issues preventing full access to electronic patient medical records and electronic health care transactions as authorized in the legislation, noting any issues affecting business associates of skilled nursing facilities participating in the Nursing Facility Connectivity Program; and
- Makes recommendations, including changes to law or regulations, to improve access to electronic patient medical records and electronic health care transactions as authorized.

This report studies the implementation of Chapter 333 of 2023 and whether access to electronic patient medical records and electronic health care transaction data has been granted to business associates of skilled nursing facilities under the Nursing Facility Connectivity Program administered by the Chesapeake Regional Information System for Our Patients (CRISP). Additionally, the report examines the issues that are inhibiting full compliance with Chapter 333 and makes recommendations to improve access to patient's electronic medical records.

The MHCC appreciates your consideration. If you have any questions or if I may provide you with further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-764-3578 or [dsharp@maryland.gov](mailto:dsharp@maryland.gov) or Ms. Tracey DeShields, Director, Policy Development and External Affairs, at [tracey.deshields2@maryland.gov](mailto:tracey.deshields2@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,



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