

**MEDICAID
2015 LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKING**

Bill #	Subject	Sponsor	Background/Status
Budget			
HB 72/ SB 57	Budget Reconciliation & Financing Act of 2015	Speaker Busch President Miller	Extends requirement that Governor reduce Medicaid deficit assessment by the full amount of hospital savings that accrue to Medicaid as a result of the new Medicare waiver; also requires HSCRC to achieve Medicaid savings of \$8 million in FY15 and \$16.7 million in FY16, in recognition of additional hospital savings from decreased uncompensated care; if this does not achieve the required savings, HSCRC must lower hospital billing rates for Medicare+Medicaid patients; if the savings are still not achieved, HSCRC must increase the Medicaid deficit assessment; uncodified language requires DHMH to make adjustments to MCOs' capitation rates in the amount of \$10 million for estimated insufficient loss ratios in CY2014 HB 72: hearing in APP, 3/3 @ 1 pm SB57: hearing in B & T, 3/4 @ 1 pm

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Long-Term Care			
SB 138	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Assisted Living Services	Sen. Kelley	Requires program to continue serving individuals who reside in assisted living facilities that do not meet new federal rules on where they can reside in order to qualify for HCBS waiver WITHDRAWN
SB 218	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Home- & Community-Based Services Waiver – Priority for Services	Sen. Kelley	Prohibits Dept. from placing individuals on a waiting list or giving priority to individuals based on the setting in which they are residing at the time of determination, if an appropriate placement for waiver services is available WITHDRAWN
SB 219	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Home- & Community-Based Services Waiver – Modification	Sen. Kelley	Eliminates medically-needy criteria for waiver eligibility and requires Dept. to apply for a waiver to allow individuals to qualify for HCBS waiver by setting up a qualified income trust WITHDRAWN

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Other Medicaid-Related Bills			
HB 66	Human Services – No Wrong Door Pilot Program	Del. Rosenberg	Establishes MAP-like pilot program in DHR as a single entry-point to increase access to services, provide access to services for underserved populations, foster better coordination between public & private service providers (incl. faith- & community-based organizations), and encourage statewide performance tracking data & data sharing for improved service delivery DHR – O Heard: APP, 2/3

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HB 100	DDA – Medicaid Fair Hearings	Del. Hammen	Requires DDA to provide an opportunity for a Medicaid fair hearing to applicants (1) who are denied eligibility for waiver services, (2) who contest the priority category to which they are assigned, or (3) who are denied additional/different waiver services DDA bill Heard in HGO, 2/10
HB 355 SB 431	Public Health – Dental Services for Adults – Coverage & Access	Del. Kelly Sen. Klausmeier	Expands dental coverage for postpartum women beginning July 1, 2016 Similar to HB 792 from last year HB 355: hearing in HGO, 2/24 @ 1 pm SB 431: hearing in FIN, 3/11 @ 1 pm
HB 553 SB 585	Md. No-Fault Injured Baby Fund	Del. Morhaim Sen. Pugh	Establishes a system for adjudication and compensation of claims arising from birth-related neurological injuries; the fund is capitalized by annual premiums from Maryland hospitals and obstetrical physicians as well as annual surcharges paid by certain insurers; requires HSCRC increase hospital rates for obstetric services to account for the cost of the per-birth premium Was HB 1337/SB 798 last year Hearing: HGO, 3/16 @ 1 pm
HB 1101	DHMH – Health Program Recovery & Integrity Activities	Del. Hammen	Provides the Dept. w/ increased ability to audit providers who receive funding from the Department and to recover overpayments; will permit the Inspector General to issue subpoenas to providers and other individuals or entities to obtain necessary information for audits; authorizes DHMH to obtain surety bonds or other security from certain Medicaid providers and those applying to become Medicaid providers in an amount determined by DHMH; will also permit the Department to use extrapolation in order to assess amount of recovery; will enable the Dept. to assess civil monetary penalties in lieu of recoupment of an entire claim when a provider fails to meet statutory or regulatory requirements OIG departmental
SB 119	HMOs – Premium Tax & Transfer of Premium Tax Exemption Value – Repeal	Sen. Brochin	Repeals 2% premium tax on HMOs, incl. contribution to Provider Rate Stabilization Fund; also repeals CareFirst’s contribution to Medical Assistance Program Account of the Provider Rate Stabilization Fund
SB 141 HB 858	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Former Foster Care Adolescents – Dental Care	Sen. Pugh Del. Peña-Melnyk	Provides coverage of dental care for former foster care adolescents SB 141: heard in FIN, 2/11 HB 858: hearing in HGO, 3/10 @ 1 pm
SB 174	Behavioral Health Administration – Behavioral Health Advisory Council	Sen. Eckardt	Establishes Behavioral Health Advisory Council in the Office of the Governor; incl. Medicaid director; repeals the Maryland Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene and the State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council FAVORABLE W/ AMENDMENTS FIN
SB 216	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Guardianship Commissions & Fees – Income Deduction	Sen. Kelley	Requires deduction of guardianship commissions & attorney’s fees when determining a Medicaid enrollee’s available income Heard in FIN, 2/19

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SB 318 HB 1026	Community Mental Health Services – Telemental Health Services – Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners	Sen. Pugh Del. Peña-Melnyk	Requires DHMH regs to allow nurse practitioners to provide telemental health services and ‘receive reimbursement from State or federal funds’ HB 1026: hearing in HGO, 2/26 @ 1 pm
SB 430 HB 975	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Benefits – Parity	Sen. Klausmeier Del. Haynes	Applies §15-802 of the Insurance Article to mental health & substance use disorder benefits provided by Medical Assistance (or an ASO); requires Dept. to use standards used to determine compliance w/ federal Mental Health Parity & Addiction Equity Act to determine compliance, and use the Am. Society of Addiction Medicine criteria to determine medical necessity for substance use disorder services Hearing: FIN, 3/11 @ 1 pm
SB 563	DDA & Md. Medical Assistance Program – Services – Military Families	Sen. Peters	Allows dependents of Md. residents to remain eligible/on waiting lists of DD/HCBS waivers if they leave the State on military assignment Hearing: FIN, 3/11 @ 1 pm
SB 795	Health Care Facilities – Cost of Residents’ Care – Determination & Payment of Funds	Sen. Astle	Authorizes a comprehensive care facility or an extended care facility to petition a circuit court to request a determination by the Medical Assistance program of funds available to pay for the resident’s care on a finding that the resident or their agent has not paid a current obligation for their care; if the Medical Assistance program has not made the determination within 14 days, the program shall be deemed to have concluded that there are no funds, including income or assets of the resident, available to pay for their cost of care