



The 2019 Legislature: Post-Session Action Map

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
Budget		
<p>SB 125 Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2020)</p>	<p>Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution,</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p>HB 101 Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2019,</p>	<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of One Billion, Ninety-Two Million, One Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Dollars (\$1,092,194,000), the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p>HB 1407 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2019</p>	<p>Authorizing, altering, or requiring the distribution of certain revenue; specifying that the requirement to waive a certain fee for the filing of certain documents by certain business entities shall begin in fiscal year 2022; altering the cap for fiscal year 2020 from 0.5% to 0.225% on a certain adjustment to a revenue estimate relating to nonwithholding income tax revenues; requiring the budget books to include supporting data and the results of certain calculations used to calculate certain State education aid;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p>SB 158 (HB 332) Maryland Department of Health - Community Dental Clinics Grant Program Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Establishing the Community Dental Clinics Grant Program; authorizing the Board of Public Works, on the recommendation of the Secretary of Health, to make grants under the Program to counties, municipal corporations, and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of supporting the provision of dental services by community dental clinics; requiring the Governor to include funding in the State operating budget bill or capital budget bill for the Program beginning in fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
<p><u>SB 164 (155)</u> Maryland Department of Health - Capital and Grant Programs - State Grants</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Increasing the caps on the percentages of certain costs for the construction, acquisition, renovation, and equipping of community mental health facilities, addiction facilities, and developmental disabilities facilities for which State grants can be provided under the Community Mental Health, Addiction, and Developmental Disabilities Capital Program; increasing the caps on the percentages of certain costs for certain projects that may be covered by State grants under the Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>SB 279 (HB 251)</u> Department of Aging - Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs (Nonprofits for our Aging Neighbors Act - "NANA")</p> <p>Effective Date: June 1, 2019</p>	<p>Authorizing the Department of Aging to make grants to nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to expand and establish certain aging-in-place programs for seniors; requiring the Department to publicize the availability of grant opportunities to eligible organizations at least 6 weeks before the applications are due; establishing a requirement for an equal match for the funds requested by a nonprofit organization or an area agency on aging in order for the nonprofit organization to receive a State grant;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>SB 406 (HB 520)</u> Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination – Grant Funding and Task Force</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring the Governor to include \$100,000 in the annual budget beginning in fiscal year 2021 for the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund; establishing the Task Force on Maryland Maternal and Child Health; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations, including on programs that the Maryland Medical Assistance Program should implement; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before November 1, 2019;</p>	<p>Notify Population Health Lead.</p>
State Agencies		
<p><u>SB 404 (HB 47)</u> State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health - Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards - Revision</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to revise the Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards to repeal the requirements that a school-based health center have a medical director who is a physician and have a physician consultant who is available to discuss clinical issues as needed and to authorize a licensed physician or nurse practitioner to serve as a clinical director or clinical consultant of a school-based health center.</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>HB 1421</u> Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Functions and Outreach</p> <p>Effective Date(s): July 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to conduct outreach and education activities to increase health literacy and to educate consumers about the Exchange and insurance affordability programs; and requiring the Exchange to perform certain functions for Maryland Medical Assistance programs, as requested by the Maryland Department of Health and approved by the Board of Trustees for the Exchange, for the efficient administration of Maryland Medical Assistance programs.</p>	<p>For information only.</p>

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
Behavioral Health		
<p><u>SB 178 (HB 570)</u> Behavioral Health Programs - Medical Directors - Telehealth</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring that regulations adopted under certain provisions of law regulating behavioral health programs include provisions authorizing a behavioral health program licensed as an outpatient mental health center to satisfy any regulatory requirement that a medical director be onsite through the use of telehealth by the director.</p>	<p>Notify Behavioral Health Lead.</p>
<p><u>SB 195 (HB 25)</u> Public Health - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Revisions</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to review prescription monitoring data for indications of a possible misuse or abuse of a monitored prescription drug; requiring the Program to report the possible misuse or abuse to the prescriber or dispenser of the monitored prescription drug and to provide certain education to the prescriber or dispenser; authorizing the Program to refer a certain violation of law or breach of professional standards to the Office of Controlled Substances Administration;</p>	<p>Notify Chief Medical Officer and Health IT Lead.</p>
<p><u>SB 524 (HB 605)</u> Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Telemedicine – Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners and Psychiatrists</p> <p>Effective Date(s): October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, under certain circumstances, to include psychiatric nurse practitioners who are providing Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to certain Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in the types of providers eligible to receive reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine and provided to Program recipients;</p>	<p>Notify Behavioral Health Lead and Payer Relations/Contracting</p>
<p><u>SB 944</u> Behavioral Health Programs – Outpatient Mental Health Centers – Medical Directors</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring that regulations adopted under certain provisions of law regulating behavioral health programs include provisions authorizing a psychiatric nurse practitioner to serve as a medical director of a certain outpatient mental health center, including through telehealth.</p>	<p>Notify Behavioral Health Lead.</p>
<p><u>HB 427</u> Behavioral Health Administration - Outpatient Civil Commitment Pilot Program - Revisions</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to allow an eligible individual to request enrollment into a certain outpatient civil commitment pilot program; requiring the Administration to allow an immediate family member of an eligible individual to request that the individual be voluntarily enrolled into a certain outpatient civil commitment pilot program;</p>	<p>Notify Behavioral Health Lead.</p>

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
<p><u>HB 466</u> Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Program Evaluation</p> <p>Effective Date: June 1, 2019</p>	Requiring the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to provide prescription monitoring data to the Office of the Attorney General on issuance of a subpoena to further a bona fide existing investigation; requiring the Program to provide prescription monitoring data to the medical director of a health care facility to give certain health care practitioners access to the prescription monitoring data in connection with the provision of medical care and dispensing of prescription drugs;	Notify Chief Medical Officer, Health IT Lead and General Counsel.
<p><u>HB 844</u> Public Schools – School Psychologists – Reports</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p>	Requiring each local school system in the State to submit an interim report on the ratio of students to psychologists in each school, strategies to increase the number of psychologists, policies to decrease wait times, and strategies to increase retention of qualified psychologists to the State Board of Education, the Governor, and certain legislative committees by July 1, 2020; requiring each local school system in the State to submit a final report on school psychologists to the State Board of by December 1, 2020;	For information only.
Clinical		
<p><u>SB 251 (HB 1183)</u> Public Health - Treatment for the Prevention of HIV - Consent by Minors</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	Providing that a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to treatment for the prevention of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).	Notify Chief Medical Officer and Chief Nursing Officer.
<p><u>SB 356 (HB 583)</u> Health – Maternal Mortality Review Program – Recommendations and Reporting Requirement</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	Requiring the Maternal Mortality Review Program, in consultation with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, to make recommendations to reduce disparities in the maternal mortality rate including recommendations related to social determinants of health; requiring the Secretary of Health to include in the annual report regarding the Maternal Mortality Review Program a section on racial disparities that compares mortality rates, the number of live births by race, and a comparison of the leading causes of death by race	Notify Chief Medical Officer, Chief Nursing Officer and Population Health Lead.
<p><u>SB 600 (HB 761)</u> Health – Sickle Cell Disease – Steering Committee and Services</p> <p>Effective Date: June 1, 2019</p>	Altering the duties of the Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease to include the provision of certain resources for detecting sickle cell disease and supporting individuals with sickle cell disease; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain services relating to sickle cell disease in consultation with the Steering Committee; requiring the Department to provide certain services through community-based organizations to the extent practicable;	For information only.

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
<p><u>SB 652 (HB 648)</u> Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Entering into the Interstate Physical Therapy Licensure Compact; stating that the goal of the Compact is to improve public access to physical therapy services; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; requiring a physical therapist to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; authorizing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to charge a fee for granting a compact privilege;</p>	<p>Notify Chief Medical Officer and Credentialing Staff.</p>
<p><u>SB 657 (HB 1249)</u> Pilot Program - Alleged Rape, Sexual Offense, or Child Sexual Abuse - HIV Postexposure Prophylaxis Effective Date(s): October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Establishing the Pilot Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims to prevent HIV infection for victims of an alleged rape or sexual offense or victims of alleged child sexual abuse; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the program; requiring that a victim of an alleged rape or sexual offense or a victim of alleged child sexual abuse be provided with a full course of treatment and follow-up care for postexposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV infection</p>	<p>Notify Chief Medical Officer and Chief Nursing Officer.</p>
<p><u>SB 677 (HB 1384)</u> Deaf or Hard of Hearing Individuals - Support for Parents Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Renaming the Hearing Aid Loan Bank Program in the State Department of Education to be the Hearing Aid and Language and Communication Video Loan Bank Program; requiring the Loan Bank to lend and provide certain videos and certain downloadable resources to the parents or legal guardians of certain eligible individuals; exempting the parent or legal guardian of a deaf or hard of hearing child from paying tuition for certain courses at a public institution of higher education; Requiring that a hospital, to the extent practicable, provides to the parent or legal guardian of a newborn identified as having hearing loss, a list of resources available for parents of children with hearing loss.</p>	<p>Notify Chief Nursing Officer and Case Management staff.</p>
<p><u>SB 733 (HB 924)</u> State Board of Physicians - Registered Cardiovascular Invasive Specialists Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Authorizing a licensed physician, under certain circumstances and in accordance with certain regulations, to delegate certain duties to a registered cardiovascular invasive specialist assisting in the physician's performance of a fluoroscopy; establishing that the hospital in which a certain laboratory is located and the physician delegating the acts are responsible for ensuring that certain requirements are met; authorizing the State Board of Physicians to impose a certain civil penalty;</p>	<p>Notify Chief Medical Officer and Chief Nursing Officer.</p>
<p><u>SB 767 (HB 1096)</u> Criminal Procedure - Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kits - Analysis Effective Date(s): June 1, 2019, January 1, 2020</p>	<p>Requiring that a sexual assault evidence collection kit be submitted to a forensic laboratory for analysis unless a certain requirement is met; requiring that a victim who wishes to remain anonymous and not file a criminal complaint be informed that the victim may initiate a criminal complaint at a future time; requiring a certain law enforcement agency that receives a sexual assault evidence collection kit and all requested associated reference standards to submit the kit for forensic analysis within 30 days of receipt of the kit;</p>	<p>Notify Chief Nursing Officer and medical laboratory staff.</p>

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
<p><u>SB 909 (HB 364)</u> Health Care Practitioners - Medical Examinations on Anesthetized or Unconscious Patients</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Prohibiting health care practitioners and certain students and trainees from performing certain examinations on a patient who is under anesthesia or unconscious unless informed consent has been obtained from the patient, the examination is within the standard of care, the patient is unconscious and the examination is required for diagnostic or treatment purposes, or an emergency exists, it is impractical to obtain the patient's consent, and the examination is required for diagnostic or treatment purposes;</p>	<p>Notify Chief Medical Officer, Chief Nursing Officer and Compliance Officer.</p>
<p><u>HB 796</u> Public Health - Maternal Mortality Review Program - Establishment of Local Teams</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Authorizing the establishment of local maternal mortality review teams in each county; requiring the local health officer to convene the local team under certain circumstances; establishing the purpose and duties of the local teams; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to release certain information at the discretion of the Secretary of Health; requiring the Secretary to provide copies of certain death certificates to the Maternal Mortality Review Program;</p>	<p>Notify Chief Medical Officer, Chief Nursing Officer and Population Health Lead.</p>
Health Information & Technology		
<p><u>SB 693 (HB 1154)</u> Maryland Personal Information Protection Act - Security Breach Notification Requirements - Modifications</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring certain units of State government to comply with certain standards and guidelines to ensure that the security of all information systems and applications is managed through a certain framework; establishing that certain provisions of law do not apply to the Office of the Attorney General or the University System of Maryland; requiring certain units to provide an individual with certain means to access certain information and certain third parties;</p>	<p>Notify Health IT Lead.</p>
Insurance		
<p><u>SB 28</u> Health Insurance - Coverage Requirements for Behavioral Health Disorders - Short-Term Limited Duration Insurance</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Altering the definition of "health benefit plan" as it applies to certain provisions of law related to coverage requirements for the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and emotional, drug use, and alcohol use disorders to include short-term limited duration health insurance.</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>SB 36 (HB 127)</u> Health Insurance - Health Benefit Plans - Special Enrollment Period for Pregnancy</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring certain health benefit plans and certain carriers to provide a special enrollment period during which individuals who become pregnant may enroll in a health benefit plan; establishing a 90-day duration for the special enrollment period beginning on the date a pregnancy is confirmed by a health care practitioner; establishing certain effective dates of coverage; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to report to certain legislative committees on the use of the special enrollment period by January 1, 2022;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
<p><u>SB 47</u> Health Insurance - Technical Correction and Required Conformity With Federal Law</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Repealing an obsolete provision of law relating to certification of creditable coverage; requiring a certain carrier to provide an open enrollment period for individuals who lose access to health care services through a certain program, which is considered to occur on the last day the eligible employee or dependent would have access to services; requiring a certain carrier to provide an open enrollment period for certain individuals who lived in a service area where a qualified health plan was not available during a certain time</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>SB 48</u> Health Insurance - Referral to Specialists - Definition of Provider Panel</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Altering the definition of "provider panel" to mean the providers that contract with a carrier either directly or through a subcontracting entity to provide health care services to enrollees of the carrier.</p>	<p>Notify Payer Contracting/Relations.</p>
<p><u>SB 50</u> Health Insurance - Form Filings - Review and Waiting Period Extensions</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to extend a certain review period for up to an additional 30 days for a certain filing made by a health maintenance organization if the Commissioner gives the health maintenance organization certain notice; authorizing the Commissioner to extend for an additional 30 days the period during which a certain amendment may not take effect if the Commissioner gives a certain corporation certain notice;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>SB 220</u> Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Coverage of Dental Services - Repeal of Contingency</p> <p>Effective Date: June 1, 2019</p>	<p>Repealing the provision of law that made the effectiveness of a certain provision of law authorizing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide dental services to certain adults contingent on the Maryland Dental Action Coalition making a certain determination;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>SB 239 (HB 258)</u> Health Insurance - Individual Market Stabilization - Provider Fee</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Clarifying that certain provisions of law apply to managed care organizations; requiring a managed care organization to pay a certain fee in certain calendar years; altering the purpose of provisions of law requiring that certain entities be subject to a certain assessment on certain amounts; requiring that certain entities be subject to certain assessments in certain calendar years; clarifying that certain assessments are for insurance products subject to certain provisions of federal law and may be subject to a State assessment;</p>	<p>For information only</p>

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
<p><u>SB 631 (HB 599)</u> Health Insurance – Coverage for Mental Health Benefits and Substance Use Disorder Benefits – Treatment Criteria</p> <p>Effective Date(s): January 1, 2020</p>	<p>Requiring an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization to use the most recent treatment criteria developed by the American Society of Addiction Medicine for addictive, substance-related, and co-occurring conditions for all medical necessity and utilization management determinations for substance use disorder benefits; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2020;</p>	<p>Notify Payer Contracting/Relations</p>
<p><u>SB 802 (HB 814)</u> Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program</p> <p>Effective Date: June 1, 2019</p>	<p>Establishing the Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program to improve data collection on uninsured individuals and to maximize enrollment of eligible uninsured individuals in affordable insurance programs; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish a Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program Advisory Workgroup; requiring the Comptroller to include a certain checkoff, to indicate whether an individual is interested in obtaining minimum essential health coverage, on certain State income tax forms;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>SB 868 (HB 697)</u> Health Insurance – Consumer Protections and Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission</p> <p>Effective Date: June 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to establish a workgroup to carry out the finding and declaration of the General Assembly that it is in the public interest to ensure that the health care protections established by the federal Affordable Care Act (the ACA) continue to protect Maryland residents in light of continued threats to the ACA; requiring the workgroup to monitor certain court cases and the enforcement of the ACA</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>HB 589</u> Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Managed Care Organizations That Use Pharmacy Benefits Managers – Audit and Professional Dispensing Fees</p> <p>Effective Date: Upon Enactment</p>	<p>Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to enter into a contract with an independent auditor as soon as practicable to conduct an audit of certain pharmacy benefits managers for the purpose of determining the amount of Medicaid funds used to reimburse managed care organization, pharmacy benefits managers, and pharmacies and the dollar amount of funds received by each respective party; requiring the Program to provide the results of the audit to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2019;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>HB 751</u> Health Insurance - Prior Authorization - Requirements</p> <p>Effective Date: January 1, 2020</p>	<p>Requiring certain insurers, health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to allow a health care provider to indicate whether a prescription drug is to be used to treat a chronic condition; prohibiting an entity from requesting a reauthorization for a repeat prescription for 1 year or for the standard course of treatment for the chronic condition being treated, whichever is less; requiring a certain entity to maintain a certain database for prior authorizations that are filed electronically;</p>	<p>Notify Chief Medical Officer and Payer Contracting/Relations.</p>

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
<p><u>HB 754</u> Health Insurance and Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Cost Pricing and Reimbursement</p> <p>Effective Date: Upon Enactment</p>	<p>Providing that certain provisions of the Act apply to pharmacy benefits managers that contract with managed care organizations in the same manner as they apply to pharmacy benefits managers that contract with carriers; prohibiting a certain contract or amendment from becoming effective unless the contract or amendment is filed with the Commissioner for approval or disapproval by a certain time; requiring that each contract between a pharmacy benefits manager and a contracted pharmacy include a certain dispute resolution process;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>HB 829</u> Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Graduate Providers</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Prohibiting a carrier from rejecting a provider who provides community-based health services for an accredited program solely because the provider is a licensed graduate social worker, licensed master social worker, licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor, licensed graduate marriage and family therapist, licensed graduate professional art therapist, or licensed graduate professional counselor</p>	<p>Notify Payer Contracting/Relations.</p>
Legal		
<p><u>SB 45</u> Health Care Provider Malpractice Insurance - Authorization to Settle - Clarification</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Altering the settlement provision required to be included in policies of health care malpractice insurance to clarify that the insurer is authorized, without restriction, to negotiate and effect a compromise of claims unless the settlement amount exceeds the limits of the insurer's liability.</p>	<p>Notify General Counsel.</p>
<p><u>SB 301 (HB 145)</u> Hospitals - Patient's Bill of Rights</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide patients with a certain patient's bill of rights; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide certain patients with an interpreter, a translator, or other accommodation to provide assistance to patients; requiring each administrator of a hospital to conspicuously post the patient's bill of rights on the hospital's website and in areas of the hospital accessible to patients and visitors; requiring the Department of Health to submit a certain report by January 1, 2021;</p>	<p>Notify General Counsel and Risk Management.</p>
<p><u>SB 773</u> Health Care Malpractice Qualified Expert - Qualification</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Altering, from 20% to 25%, the percentage of an expert's professional activities that may have been devoted to certain activities that directly involve testimony in personal injury claims during the 12 months immediately before the date when the claim was first filed in order for the expert to qualify to testify in relation to a certain proceeding; establishing that a certain health care provider shall be deemed to have met a certain requirement during the pendency of a claim under certain circumstances;</p>	<p>Notify General Counsel.</p>

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
<u>HB 162</u> Medical Professional Liability Insurance Policies - Mandated Deductible Levels - Limitation Effective Date: October 1, 2019	Limiting the requirement that insurers that issue or deliver medical professional liability insurance policies in the State offer, in addition to the basic policy, additional policies with certain deductibles to insurers that issue or deliver a policy with an annual premium of \$5,000 or more.	Notify General Counsel.
Operations & Planning		
<u>SB 285/HB 109</u> Environment – Expanded Polystyrene Food Service Products – Prohibitions Effective Date: July 1, 2019	Prohibiting a person from selling in the State an expanded polystyrene food service product on or after July 1, 2020; prohibiting food service businesses and schools from selling or providing food or beverages in expanded polystyrene food service products on or after July 1, 2020; confirming the authority of certain local government entities to establish standards that are at least as stringent as those in the Act; requiring the Department of the Environment to conduct a public education and outreach antilittering campaign;	Notify Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer.
<u>SB 597 (HB 646)</u> Maryland Health Care Commission - State Health Plan and Certificate of Need for Hospital Capital Expenditures Effective Date: October 1, 2019	Altering the frequency, from at least once every 5 years to every year, at which the Maryland Health Care Commission is required to adopt a State health plan; requiring the State health plan to be consistent with a certain contract; requiring, annually or on petition by any person, the Commission to assess each State health plan chapter, make a certain determination, and establish a certain priority order and timeline in a certain manner;	Notify Chief Financial Officer and Head of Planning
<u>SB 649</u> <u>Health Care Facilities - Change in Bed Capacity - Certificate of Need Exemption</u> Effective Date: Upon Enactment	Exempting an increase or decrease in bed capacity from the certificate of need requirement if the change will occur in an intermediate care facility offering residential or intensive substance-related disorder treatment services, or an existing general hospice program, and written notice of the intent to change bed capacity is filed with the Maryland Health Care Commission at least 45 days before increasing or decreasing bed capacity; requiring the Commission to review the State Health plan on Psychiatric Services; Emergency Medical Services	Notify Chief Financial Officer and Head of Planning
<u>SB 739 (HB 1007)</u> Child Advocacy Centers - Expansion Effective Date: July 1, 2019	Requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to ensure that every child in the State has access to a child advocacy center; requiring and authorizing child advocacy centers to assist in the response to or investigation of allegations of child abuse and neglect and a crime of violence in the presence of a minor; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to contract with a certain nonprofit organization to establish a Maryland Statewide Organization for Child Advocacy Centers	For information only.

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
<p><u>SB 793</u> Community Safety and Strengthening Act Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring certain appropriations for certain Baltimore City youth programs; establishing the Law Enforcement Cadet Apprenticeship Program to provide career opportunities in law enforcement; authorizing the Johns Hopkins University to establish a police department under certain circumstances; prohibiting the police department from acquiring certain aircraft, drones, vehicles, or weapons; requiring University police officers to wear and use body-worn cameras in a certain manner;</p>	<p>For information only</p>
<p><u>SB 901 (HB 607)</u> Maryland Trauma Fund - State Primary Adult Resource Center - Reimbursement of On-Call and Standby Costs Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p>	<p>Altering the purpose of the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund to include subsidizing the documented costs incurred by the State primary adult resource center to maintain certain on-call and standby health care providers; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop certain guidelines for the reimbursement of certain costs.</p>	<p>Notify Chief Medical Officer and Chief Financial Officer.</p>
<p><u>SB 911 (HB 1116)</u> Gender Diversity in the Boardroom – Annual Report Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Establishing the intent of the General Assembly to promote gender diversity in corporate management and boardrooms; requiring a certain entity submitting an annual report to the State Department of Assessments and Taxations to include information relating to the number of female members of the board and the total number of members of the board; providing the Act does not apply to a privately held company if at least 75% of the company's shareholders are family members;</p>	<p>Notify Chief Operating Officer and Compliance Officer</p>
<p><u>SB 940 (HB 931)</u> Health Care Facilities - Certificate of Need - Modifications Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Repealing a provision of law exempting certain offices from certificate of need requirements under certain circumstances; providing that a certificate of need is required before the type or scope of any health care service is changed if the health care service results in a change in operating room capacity in a certain health care facility; repealing a provision of law authorizing a hospital to acquire a freestanding ambulatory surgical facility or a certain office or group practice under certain circumstances;</p>	<p>Notify Chief Financial Officer and Head of Planning</p>
<p><u>HB 626</u> Health Care Facilities - Change in Bed Capacity - Certificate of Need Exemption Effective Date: Upon Enactment</p>	<p>Exempting an increase or decrease in bed capacity from the certificate of need requirement if the increase or decrease will occur in a certain intermediate care facility that has a current license issued by the Secretary of Health, an existing general hospice program that has a current license issued by the Secretary, and certain notice is filed with the Maryland Health Care Commission at least 45 days before increasing or decreasing bed capacity; requiring the Commission to review a certain chapter of the State Health Plan;</p>	<p>Notify Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer.</p>

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
<p><u>HB 940</u> Unregulated Space in Hospital Operating Suites Pilot Project - Study</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to conduct a study, in conjunction with the Maryland Health Care Commission and certain stakeholders, on the feasibility and desirability of allowing for an unregulated space in a hospital operating room as a pilot project; and requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission to report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by June 30, 2020, on the results and findings of the study.</p>	<p>Notify Chief Medical Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer.</p>
<p><u>HB 1428</u> University of Maryland Medical System Corporation – Board of Directors, Ethics, and Audits</p> <p>Effective Date: Upon Enactment</p>	<p>Requiring, on or before May 31, 2019, the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation to adopt a certain conflict of interest policy; requiring the Board to ensure that the Medical System Corporation continues to be a private, nonprofit, nonstock corporation that is independent of any State agency; altering the composition of the Board; prohibiting a member of the Board from intentionally using the prestige of office for private gain or that of another; requiring certain disclosure statements</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
Pharmacy		
<p><u>SB 405 (HB 435)</u> Health Insurance - Prescription Drugs - Formulary Changes</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring certain entities to establish and implement a procedure by which a member may receive a prescription drug or device that has been removed from a certain entity's formulary or a member may continue the same cost sharing requirements under certain circumstances; requiring a certain entity to provide a certain member with notice at least 30 days before a change is implemented; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2020;</p>	<p>Notify Pharmacy.</p>
<p><u>HB 768</u> Health - Prescription Drug Affordability Board</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p>	<p>Establishing the Prescription Drug Affordability Board as an instrumentality of the State, the purpose of which is to protect State residents and certain stakeholders within the health care system from the high costs of prescription drug products; requiring certain conflicts of interest to be considered when appointing Board members; requiring the Board to identify certain prescription drug products with certain costs; establishing the Prescription Drug Affordability Stakeholder Council to provide stakeholder input to the Board;</p>	<p>Notify Pharmacy, Chief Medical Officer and Chief Financial Officer</p>
<p><u>HB 759</u> Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Pharmacy Choice</p> <p>Effective Date: June 1, 2019</p>	<p>Prohibiting, except for certain specialty drugs, a pharmacy benefits manager from requiring that a beneficiary use a specific pharmacy or entity to fill a prescription if the pharmacy benefits manager or a corporate affiliate has an ownership interest in the pharmacy or entity or if the pharmacy or entity has an ownership interest in the pharmacy benefits manager or a corporate affiliate.</p>	<p>Notify Pharmacy and Chief Medical Officer.</p>
Population Health		

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
<p><u>SB 970 (HB 506)</u> Maryland Department of Health - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children - Reports</p> <p>Effective Date: June 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report certain information regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2019, and each year thereafter; and requiring the Department, in producing the report, to consult with the Maryland Alliance for the Poor, local health departments, MedChi, the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers, and other stakeholders.</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>SB 116 (HB 82)</u> Transportation – Complete Streets – Access to Healthy Food and Necessities</p> <p>Effective Date: June 1, 2019</p>	<p>Expanding the definition of "complete streets design features" under the Complete Streets Program by adding access to retail stores that provide health food and other necessities, especially in food deserts, as a design feature of the complete street policy and as a design feature and goal of the Program; and providing the Act may not be construed to require the Maryland Department of Transportation to provide staff or operating expenses for the administration of the Program until money is appropriated in the State budget.</p>	<p>Notify Population Health Lead.</p>
<p><u>SB 218 (HB 338)</u> Human Services - Food Supplements (Summer SNAP for Children Act)</p> <p>Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p>	<p>Renaming the food stamp program to be the food supplement program; requiring the State to provide matching funds to counties for a supplement for each child in a household that receives federally funded benefits under the food supplement program; providing that the combined State and county supplement shall equal \$30 per month in June, July, and August and \$10 in December; requiring a county to submit a certain application by December 1 to receive certain funding; specifying the required State and local shares of funding;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>HB 1169</u> Business Regulation - Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices - Revisions</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring certain licensees to post a certain sign in a certain location; altering the minimum age, from 18 to 21, for an individual to purchase or be sold tobacco products; exempting certain individuals from a certain minimum age requirement for an individual to purchase or be sold tobacco products; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to conduct inspections of licensed retailers; authorizing the Department to use certain individuals under the age of 21 years to assist in conducting a certain inspection;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
Workforce		
<p><u>SB 134 (HB 228)</u> State Board of Nursing – Criminal History Records Checks – Revised Statement</p> <p>Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide a revised printed statement of an individual's State criminal history record to the State Board of Nursing if the criminal history record information is reported to the Central Repository after the date of the initial criminal history records check;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>

Bill No./Title	Synopsis	Action Required
<p><u>SB 280 (HB 166)</u> Labor and Employment – Payment of Wages – Minimum Wage (Fight for Fifteen) Effective Date: June 1, 2019</p>	<p>Specifying the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for certain time periods and for certain employers except under certain circumstances; authorizing the Board of Public Works to temporarily suspend an increase to the minimum wage rate if the seasonally adjusted total employment is negative, subject to certain limitations; requiring the Governor's proposed budget for certain fiscal years to include certain rate increases for certain community service providers over the funding provided in certain legislative appropriations;</p>	<p>Notify Chief Financial Officer and Human Resources.</p>
<p><u>SB 839 (HB 994)</u> Labor and Employment - Criminal Record Screening Practices (Ban the Box) Effective Date: January 1, 2020</p>	<p>Prohibiting employers who employ 15 or more full-time employees from requiring an applicant for employment, before the first in-person interview, to disclose certain information regarding the criminal record of the applicant except under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to conduct an investigation to determine whether the Act has been violated on receipt of a written complaint of an applicant or employee; providing a civil fine of up to \$500 for a violation of the Act;</p>	<p>Notify Human Resources.</p>
<p><u>SB 958 (HB 1104)</u> State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists – Licensure, Disciplinary Action, Criminal History Records Checks, and Trainee Status – Revisions Effective Date: July 1, 2019</p>	<p>Authorizing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to take action against a clinical professional counselor only if the Board discusses the proposed action with a Board member who is a licensed clinical professional counselor and who votes, either in the affirmative or negative, on the proposed action; repealing the requirement that the credit hours or educational requirements completed by certain applicants to be licensed by the Board be accredited by the American Art Therapy Association;</p>	<p>For information only.</p>
<p><u>HB 790</u> Equal Pay for Equal Work - Enforcement - Civil Penalties (Equal Pay Remedies and Enforcement Act) Effective Date: October 1, 2019</p>	<p>Authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry or a court to require a certain employer to pay a civil penalty equal to 10% of the amount of damages owed by the employer for violating the Equal Pay for Equal Work Law two or more times within a 3-year period; and requiring that a civil penalty be paid to the General Fund of the State to offset the cost of enforcing the Act.</p>	<p>Notify Human Resources.</p>