

CERTIFICATE OF NEED

THE STATE HEALTH PLAN, AND THE MARYLAND TOTAL COST OF CARE MODEL:

FOUR THINGS TO KNOW



- 1** The state health plan has 13 chapters, each of which guide the state's Certificate of Need (CON) program—ensuring determinations around **NEED FOR HEALTH SERVICES** are considered before large sums are spent on health facilities. Some chapters are 20 years old
- 2** Capital threshold for hospital projects requiring a CON was **LAST UPDATED IN 2005**, unnecessarily increasing the number of smaller scale upgrades that the MHCC is required to review
- 3** Maryland's new Total Cost of Care Model requires **\$300 MILLION SAVINGS** in all health care costs by 2024. These ambitious targets require flexibility and a regulatory system that evolves with the new goals
- 4** Two work groups looked at the certificate of need process and arrived at the same conclusion: **CON MUST BE MODERNIZED**



LEGISLATION IS NEEDED TO



ALIGN MARYLAND'S STATE HEALTH PLAN WITH THE GOALS OF ITS TOTAL COST OF CARE MODEL by writing the model into MHCC's statute



MODERNIZE THE CON APPLICATION PROCESS by raising the threshold for hospital projects



ENSURE HEALTH PLANNING KEEPS UP WITH CARE DELIVERY by requiring MHCC to look at the State Health Plan annually and determine which chapters need updating



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