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2024 LEGISLATIVE BILL TRACKING

Bill #	Subject	Sponsor	Background/Status
Budget			
SB 362 HB 352	Budget Reconciliation & Financing Act of 2024	President Ferguson Speaker Jones	Authorizes use of excess SPDAP funds to subsidize KDP & mental health services for the uninsured; authorizes transfer of \$216,845 from Health Information Exchange to Medical Assistance program to support IT activities SB 362: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED; 3 RD READING PASSED HOUSE AS AMENDED HB 352: heard in APP, 2/28

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Health Care Reform			
HB 184	Public Health – Healthy Maryland Program – Establishment	Del. Acevero	Establishes Healthy Maryland Program to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage for all State residents beginning Jan. 1, 2026; all Medicaid, MCHP, Medicare and ACA subsidy funds would be paid by the federal gov't into the Healthy Maryland Trust Fund to pay for coverage and eliminate cost-sharing, and all programs would be merged into Healthy Maryland Was HB 25 last year Heard in HGO, 3/12
HB 619	Public Health – Commission on Universal Health Care	Del. Ruth	Establishes a Commission on Universal Health Care to determine the feasibility of establishing a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system Was HB 329 last year Heard in HGO, 3/12

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Pharmacy			
HB 127 SB 246	Public Health – Non-Occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (nPEP) Standing Order Program - Establishment	Del. Peña-Meln yk Sen. Beidle	Establishes a program to authorize pharmacists to prescribe and dispense nPEP, and authorizes MDH to administer the program, collect necessary fees and establish guidelines for related training MDH departmental HB 127: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED SB 246: heard in FIN, 1/30
HB 340 SB 388	Prescription Drug Affordability Board – Authority for Upper Payment Limits & Funding (The Lowering Prescription Drug Costs for All Marylanders Now Act)	Del. Cullison Sen. Gile	Requires the Board to establish a process for setting upper payment limits for all purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drugs in the State that the Board determines have led or will lead to affordability challenges HB 340: heard in HGO, 2/8 SB 388: heard in FIN, 2/7

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Pharmacy (cont'd)			
HB 880 SB 1021	Pharmacy Benefits Administration – Md. Medical Assistance Program & PBMs	Del. S. Johnson Sen. A. Washington	Requires reimbursement levels for prescription drugs provided by the Medical Assistance program (incl. PBMs that contract w/ MCOs) to be at least equal to be at least equal to NADAC plus the FFS dispensing fee (does not apply to pharmacies owned by PBMs or mail-order pharmacies) Was HB 382/SB 895 last year HB 880: heard in HGO, 2/29 SB 1021: heard in FIN, 3/13
SB 18 HB 76	Health Occupations – Pharmacists – Administration of Vaccines	Del. Lopez Sen. Augustine	Would authorize a pharmacist to order and administer certain vaccines to individuals who are at least three years old if the pharmacist has met certain conditions Was SB 372/HB 1232 last year SB 18: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED; FAVORABLE HGO HB 76: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED
SB 219	Senior Prescription Drug Assistance Program – Sunset Extension	Sen. Beidle	Extends sunset for SPDAP by six years to Dec. 31, 2030 MDH departmental 3 RD READING PASSED
SB 497 HB 736	Health Insurance & Md. Medical Assistance Program – Coverage – Opioid Reversal Drugs & Products	Sen. Gile Del. Vogel	Requires Medicaid & commercial insurers to cover non-prescription naloxone hydrochloride and any other drug product approved by FDA for the complete or partial reversal of an opioid overdose without imposing a co-pay or co-insurance requirement that exceeds \$10 per package SB 497: WITHDRAWN HB 736: WITHDRAWN
SB 990 HB 1423	Md. Medical Assistance Program & Health Insurance – Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols & Prior Authorization – Prescription Drugs to Treat Serious Mental Illness	Sen. Lam Del. S. Johnson	Prohibits Medical Assistance program & commercial insurers from applying a prior authorization requirement, step therapy protocol or fail-first protocol for drugs to treat serious mental illness or a medication-induced movement disorder associated w/ the treatment of mental illness SB 990: heard in FIN, 3/6 HB 1423: WITHDRAWN

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Long-Term Care			
HB 39 SB 197	RSAs – Reimbursement – Personal Assistance Services	Del. R. Lewis Sen. Beidle	Authorizes MDH to reimburse an RSA for personal assistance services only if they are provided by someone classified as an employee; HB 39 takes effect Oct. 1, 2025, SB 197 takes effect Jan. 1, 2026 Was HB 489/SB 180 last year HB 39: 3 RD READING PASSED SB 197: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED; FAVORABLE HGO

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HB 189 SB 371	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Personal Care Aides – Wage Reports	Del. R. Lewis Sen. Lam	Originally required agencies to provide annual wage rate reports to DoL; MDH required to report on (1) reimbursement rate vs. actual cost to provide services under REM; and (2) reimbursement rate vs. actual cost to provide personal assistance services to enrollees under HCBS waiver programs, and develop a plan to close any gaps in reimbursement rates & amount needed to increase personal care aides' wages to 150% of the State minimum wage; amended to require RSAs to report to DoL annually by Sept. 1 on average wage rates and highest and lowest wage rates for personal care aides; six months after the release of the final federal Ensuring Access to Medicaid Services rule, MDH must report on an overview of the final rule and plans or steps that MDH will take to operationalize it Was HB 318 last year HB 189: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED; heard in FIN, 3/20 SB 371: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED
HB 349 SB 631	MDoA – Long-Term Care Insurance – Study	Del. Cullison Sen. Kelly	Requires Dept. of Aging to contract w/ an independent consultant to complete an insurance study on public and private options for leveraging resources to help individuals prepare for long-term care services & supports needs HB 349: WITHDRAWN SB 631: WITHDRAWN
SB 208	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Provider Agencies & Personal Care Aides – Reimbursement & Wages	Sen. Benson	Requires MDH to increase the hourly reimbursement rate for personal assistance services under Medicaid to a minimum of \$25 per hour by July 1, 2025; requires provider agencies to pay the greater of \$16 per hour or 64% of the reimbursement rate for personal care aides and to provide a written notice regarding wages; beginning Sept. 1, 2025, provider agencies required to provide annual cost reports to MDH Was SB 604 last year WITHDRAWN
SB 328 HB 462	Funding for Wages & Benefits for Nursing Home Workers (Nursing Home Staffing Crisis Funding Act of 2024)	Sen. Rosapepe Del. Martinez	Requires 8% increase in reimbursement rates for providers under Medicaid, MCHP & Community First Choice in FY26-28; 75% of funding to be used to fund wages & benefits for workers & staff providing patient care in nursing homes; requires nursing homes to submit annual cost reports to MDH beginning Sept. 1, 2026 Was SB 468/HB 725 last year SB 328: heard in B&T, 1/24 HB 462: heard in HGO, 2/1
SB 1057 HB 1176	Home- & Community-Based Services Waiver – Eligibility	Sen. Kramer Del. Cullison	Changes eligibility criteria for HCBS waiver to include categorically-needy individuals w/ an income disregard up to 300% of SSI monthly benefit amount and a community spouse resource allowance; requires MDH to adopt regs to establish a timeline within which the Dept. must approve or deny an application; must apply to CMS by Oct. 31, 2024 for 1915(c) waiver amendment SB 1057: WITHDRAWN HB 1176: heard in HGO, 3/1

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Other Medicaid-Related Bills			
HB 96 SB 117	Health – Newborn Screening Program – Implementation of Testing	Del. T. Morgan Sen. Bailey	Would add Krabbe leukodystrophy to the list of conditions a newborn is screened for at birth beginning Oct. 1, 2024; Senate bill amended to require MDH to implement testing for a core condition within 1 year & 6 months after it is added to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel HB 96: heard in HGO, 2/7 SB 117: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED; hearing in HGO, 3/27 @ 1 pm
HB 103 SB 600	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Dental Services – Coverage & Rate Study	Del. Bagnall Sen. Kramer	Requires MDH to study the feasibility of including removable full+partial dentures and reimbursement for providers on a per-patient basis for house-calls & extended care facility calls, and setting reimbursement rates for these services at a level that ensures all dental providers are adequately reimbursed and not less than 60% of the average commercial rate or the benchmark charge for the ADA’s CDT code for those services Similar to HB 290 from last year HB 103: 3 RD READING PASSED SB 600: 3 RD READING PASSED; hearing in HGO, 3/27 @ 1 pm
HB 119 SB 211	Public Health – Giving Infants a Future without Transmission (GIFT) Act	Del. Peña-Meln yk Sen. Beidle	Requires universal syphilis+HIV screening for all pregnant women at the time of delivery MDH departmental HB 119: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED SB 211: heard in FIN, 2/8
HB 167	Public Schools – Student Health – Information on Accessible Dental Health	Del. Harrison	Originally required each student enrolled in a public elementary or secondary school (beginning in the 2026-27 school year) to submit a certificate of dental health; amended to require MSDE to support & facilitate each county board of education in publishing information on financially accessible dental health available in the county in student handbooks and on local school system websites 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED; hearing in EEE, 4/2 @ 1 pm
HB 509 SB 599	Developmental Disabilities – Community Providers – Federal Participation for Local Funds	Del. Kaiser Sen. Kramer	Requires MDH to develop a process to receive FFP for the payment of county or municipal general funds appropriated to community providers that serve individuals w/ developmental disabilities, and requires MDH to allocate the FFP to the community providers to which the county or municipal general funds were appropriated HB 509: heard in HGO, 2/14 SB 599: heard in FIN, 2/20
HB 767	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Adult & Pediatric Dental Services – Reimbursement Rates	Del. Kipke	Requires MDH to conduct a study each year beginning Jan. 1, 2025 to conduct a review of billed charges & reimbursement rates for adult & pediatric dental services; requires MDH, based on data from the review, to revise the rates for adult & pediatric dental services provided under the Medical Assistance program to ensure sufficient access to care Heard in HGO, 2/14

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HB 822 SB 790	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Employed Individuals w/ Disabilities	Del. Cullison Sen. Klaus-meier	Requires MDH to provide Medicaid services to individuals enrolled in EID who are at least 16 years-old and for existing enrollees in the EID program; eligibility may not be limited based on the enrollee's earned or unearned income, or any assets or resources; MDH must meet w/ State-based coalition of disability advocates to receive feedback, and apply to CMS for any SPAs or waivers necessary for implementation; MDH to report by Dec. 1, 2024 on implementation of an EID program for those age 65 and older, and on establishing a premium contribution based on earned & unearned income Was SB 572/HB 657 last year HB 822: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED; hearing in FIN, 3/26 @ 1 pm SB 790: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED
HB 985	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Coverage for Fertility Treatment & Preservation Services – Study	Del. R. Lewis	Requires MDH to study the potential fiscal+health access impacts of expanding Medicaid coverage for fertility treatment & preservation services WITHDRAWN
HB 1051 SB 1059	Maternal Health – Assessments, Referrals & Reporting (Md. Maternal Health Act of 2024)	Del. White Holland Sen. Ellis	Establishes requirements on local health depts. & health care providers+facilities for maternal health, incl. requirements for prenatal risk assessment forms & post-partum infant+maternal referral forms HB 1051: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED SB 1059: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED; hearing in HGO, 3/27 @ 1 pm
HB 1078	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Remote Ultrasound Procedures & Remote Fetal Non-Stress Tests	Del. Woods	Requires Medical Assistance program to cover remote ultrasound procedures & remoted fetal non-stress tests if the patient is in a residence or in a location other than the office of their provider and the provider follows the same standard of care they would follow when providing the services on-site 3 RD READING PASSED; heard in FIN, 3/21
HB 1137	Md. Medical Assistance Program & Health Insurance – Required Coverage for Calcium Score Testing	Del. Woods	Requires Medicaid+commercial insurers to cover calcium score testing for individuals who have at least three of the following risk factors: diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol or a family history or premature coronary artery disease Heard in HGO, 3/7
HB 1376	Md. Medical Assistance Program, MCHP & Health Insurance – Special Pediatric Hospitals	Del. Rosenberg	Requires Medicaid+commercial insurers to provide coverage+reimbursement for a special administrative day at a special pediatric hospital, and prohibits them from requiring prior authorization for a transfer to a special pediatric hospital Heard in HGO, 3/7
HB 1521	MCHP – Eligibility & Administration	Del. Peña-Melnik	Eliminates the premium requirement for children enrolled in MCHP Premiums program and repeals the requirement that the program be administered through the Medical Assistance program & MCOs or the MCHP premium plan MDH departmental 3 RD READING PASSED; hearing in FIN, 3/26 @ 1 pm

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SB 124 HB 400	Md. Medical Assistance Program & Health Insurance – Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits – Coverage & Reimbursement	Sen. Augustine Del. Woods	Requires Medicaid coverage for annual behavioral health+wellness visits Was SB 108 last year SB 124: heard in FIN, 2/13 HB 400: hearing in HGO, 2/8
SB 212 HB 1048	Behavioral Health Advisory Council & Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment & Access – Alterations	Sen. Beidle Del. Peña-Meln yk	Requires the Behavioral Health Advisory Council and the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access to work in conjunction with one another, as specified, including by (1) coordinating with one another on their annual reports and (2) meeting jointly at least three times per year at mutually determined times and places; also alters the membership and terms of the council and requires the commission to make specified recommendations regarding continuation of the behavioral health carve-out and the integration of somatic and behavioral health services in Medicaid MDH departmental SB 212: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED; FAVORABLE W/ AMENDMENTS HGO HB 1048: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED; FAVORABLE FIN
SB 594 HB 986	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Coverage for the Treatment of Obesity – Required Study	Sen. Hershey Del. R. Lewis	Originally required Medicaid to provide comprehensive coverage for the treatment of obesity by July 1, 2025; Senate bill amended to require MDH (in consultation w/ relevant stakeholders) to study the impact of requiring Medicaid coverage for treatment of obesity; report due Dec. 31, 2024 SB 594: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED; hearing in HGO, 3/27 @ 1 pm HB 986: heard in HGO 3/6
SB 614 HB 865	Md. Medical Assistance Program & Health Insurance – Coverage for Prostheses (So Every Body Can Move Act)	Sen. Beidle Del. Martinez	Originally required Medicaid+commercial insurers to cover orthoses+prostheses by January 1, 2025; Senate bill amended to require Medicaid+commercial insurers to cover prostheses by Jan. 1, 2025, and requires insurers & MCOs to report on compliance to MIA & MDH; requires MDH & Health Care Commission to report on cost impact of requiring coverage for orthoses by Medicaid & commercial insurers SB 614: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED; hearing in HGO, 3/28 @ 1 pm HB 865: heard in HGO, 2/15
SB 716 HB 1036	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Maternal Fetal Medicine Services – Reimbursement	Sen. Hettleman Del. Smith	Requires Medical Assistance program to reimburse physicians billing for maternal fetal medicine services at the rate set under the federal Medicare fee schedule SB 716: heard in FIN, 2/20 HB 1036: heard in HGO, 3/6

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SB 741 HB 771	Public Senior Higher Education Institutions – Pregnant & Parenting Students – Plan Requirements (Pregnant & Parenting Support Act)	Sen. Gile Del. Henson	Requires public senior higher education institutions to adopt a plan that informs pregnant & parenting students about the availability of government services, incl. Medicaid+MCHP SB 741: heard in EEE, 2/28 HB 771: 3 RD READING PASSED AS AMENDED
SB 876 HB 1040	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Limited Behavioral Health Services	Sen. A. Washing-ton Del. Woods	Requires Medical Assistance program to provide limited behavioral health services to individuals under age 18 regardless of whether they have a behavioral health diagnosis, beginning Jan. 1, 2025; MDH must seek input from stakeholders in determining the services to be covered SB 876: heard in FIN, 3/12 HB 1040: heard in HGO, 3/6
SB 945 HB 1043	Md. Medical Assistance Program & Health Insurance – Individuals w/ Intellectual Disabilities – Study	Sen. Kelly Del. Cullison	Requires MDH & MIA to jointly conduct a study of the Medicaid program & commercial insurers to measure the number+ percentage of individuals who have been denied coverage for treatment of an intellectual disability from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025; report due Dec. 1, 2025 SB 945: WITHDRAWN HB 1043: WITHDRAWN
SB 988	Md. Medical Assistance Program – Self-Directed Mental Health Services – Pilot Program	Sen. Lam	Establishes Self-Directed Mental Health Services Pilot Program to facilitate access to clinically-appropriate, person-centered, culturally-responsive and trauma-informed self-directed services in the most integrated setting appropriate; requires Governor to \$1 million for program in the annual budget bill for FY26-28 Heard in FIN, 3/8