

# MDDCSAM Profile Report – Final Status – 4/12/2023

Bill	Title & Synopsis	Status	Position & Client Notes
<p><a href="#">HB 44 (SB 190)</a> Del. Lesley Lopez</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2022: HB 1120 - 2021: HB 235 - Support 2020: HB 524 - Support</p>	<p>Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Treatment</p> <p>Requiring that a pregnant incarcerated individual be screened for substance use disorder at intake, regardless of the jurisdiction or the length of the individual's sentence, be referred to health care providers, and be provided with certain medications and treatment; requiring a correctional unit to arrange for health insurance coverage and follow-up health care before release of a pregnant incarcerated individual; and requiring that a pregnant incarcerated individual be provided with medical records on release.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (2/13)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Natalie wrote testimony</p> <p>Died in committee without a vote</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 190 (HB 44)</a> Sen. Chris West et al.</p>	<p>Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Treatment</p>	<p>Committees: Judicial Proceedings</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (1/24)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Natalie wrote testimony - submitted</p> <p>Died in committee without a vote</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 48 (SB 101)</a> Del. Heather Bagnall</p>	<p>Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Collaborative Care Model Services - Implementation and Reimbursement Expansion</p> <p>Repealing the Collaborative Care Pilot Program; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for services provided in accordance with the</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (4/3)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: This bill makes the Collaborative Care Pilot Program permanent, requiring the Department to reimburse services according</p>

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	Collaborative Care Model under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.		to the collaborative care model to Medicaid enrollees statewide.  This is a priority of the Behavioral Health Coalition  Testimony submitted  Passed the General Assembly
<a href="#">SB 101 (HB 48)</a> Sen. Malcolm Augustine	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Collaborative Care Model Services - Implementation and Reimbursement Expansion  synopsis same as CF HB 48	Committees: Finance  Status: Returned Passed (3/30)	Position: Support  Comment: Janet drafted testimony - submitted  Passed the General Assembly
<a href="#">HB 82 (SB 201)</a> Del. Lorig Charkoudian et al.	Maryland Medical Assistance and Children's Health Insurance Programs - School-Based Behavioral Health Services - Reimbursement  Requiring, on or before December 1, 2023, the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a State plan amendment authorizing certain reimbursement of behavioral health services when provided in a school setting by certain health care providers under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program.	Committees: Health and Government Operations  Status: Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m. (1/29)	Position: Monitor  Comment: Died in committee without a vote
<a href="#">SB 201 (HB 82)</a>	Maryland Medical Assistance and Children's Health Insurance Programs - School-Based Behavioral Health	Committees: Finance	Position: Monitor

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Sen. Katie Hester et al.	Services - Reimbursement  synopsis same as CF HB 82	Status: Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m. (1/20)	Comment:  Died in committee without a vote
<a href="#">HB 173 (SB 762)</a> Del. David Moon et al.  Prior Yr Info: 2022: HB 481 - Support with Amendment 2021: HB 372 - Support 2020: HB 720 - Support	Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization  Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use, delivering or selling under certain circumstances, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell under certain circumstances drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.	Committees: Judicial Proceedings  Status: Referred Judicial Proceedings (3/3)	Position: Support  Comment: This is the same bill that passed in 2021 that was vetoed by Gov Hogan  Testimony submitted  Passed the House and died in the Senate committee without a vote
<a href="#">SB 762 (HB 173)</a> Sen. Jill Carter  Prior Yr Info: 2022: SB 509 - Support with Amendment 2021: SB 420 - Support 2020: SB 704 - Support	Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization  synopsis same as CF HB 173	Committees: Judicial Proceedings  Status: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (2/14)	Position: Support  Comment: Testimony submitted  Died in committee without a vote
<a href="#">HB 200 (SB 181)</a> Del. Adrienne Jones et al.	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2024)  Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.	Committees: Appropriations  Status: Passed Enrolled (4/3)	Position:  Comment: Budget includes the planned 3% increase in reimbursement rates that will start July 1,

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			<p>2023 and the additional 8% increase beginning January 1, 2024 along with the acceleration of the minimum wage increase to \$15</p> <p>Passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 214 (SB 281)</a> Kelly et al.</p>	<p>Commission on Public Health - Establishment</p> <p>Establishing the Commission on Public Health to make recommendations to improve the delivery of foundational public health services in the State; requiring the Commission to conduct an assessment of the foundational public health capabilities of the Maryland Department of Health and local health departments; requiring the assessment to explain the impact of foundational public health capabilities on the State's ability to respond to certain major public health challenges in the State; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Passed Enrolled (4/10)</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment: This bill establishes a Commission on Public Health to make recommendations to improve the delivery of “foundational public health services” in the State.</p> <p>Passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 281 (HB 214)</a> Sen. Clarence Lam et al.</p>	<p>Commission on Public Health - Establishment</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m. (1/30)</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment: Crossfile passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 271 (SB 3)</a> Kelly et al.</p>	<p>9-8-8 Trust Fund - Funding</p> <p>Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2025 an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to the 9-8-8 Trust Fund for the purpose of designating and maintaining 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (4/5)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment:</p>

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	and mental health crisis hotline and for developing and implementing a statewide initiative for the coordination and delivery of behavioral health crisis response services in the State.		This bill includes a one-time funding mandate -- \$12 million for FY 2025 only  Passed the General Assembly
<a href="#">SB 3 (HB 271)</a> Sen. Malcolm Augustine et al.	9-8-8 Trust Fund - Funding  Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2025 an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to the 9-8-8 Trust Fund.	Committees: Budget and Taxation  Status: Returned Passed (3/30)	Position: Support  Comment: Passed the General Assembly
<a href="#">HB 305 (SB 308)</a> Del. Kenneth Kerr et al.	Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Revisions  Altering and establishing requirements and prohibitions related to health insurance utilization review, including provisions regarding benchmarks for standardizing and automating the preauthorization process, the online preauthorization system for payors, preauthorizations for prescription drugs, and private review agents; altering timelines related to internal grievance procedures and adverse decision procedures; increasing the penalties for violating certain provisions of law regarding private review agents; etc.	Committees: Health and Government Operations  Status: Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m. (1/26)	Position: Support  Comment: Comprehensive approach to eliminating/limiting prior authorizations and step therapy requirements. Led by MedChi.  Janet wrote testimony - submitted  This issue will be studied during the interim. Bill died in committee without a vote.
<a href="#">SB 308 (HB 305)</a> Sen. Katherine Klausmeier et al.	Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Revisions  synopsis same as CF HB 305	Committees: Finance  Status: Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m. (1/30)	Position: Support  Comment: Testimony Submitted

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			This issue will be studied during the interim. Bill died in committee without a vote.
<a href="#">HB 317 (SB 138)</a> Del. Jeffrie Long  Prior Yr Info: 2022: HB 319 - Support 2021: SB 936 -	Overdose Awareness Day  Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim August 31 as Overdose Awareness Day.	Committees: Health and Government Operations  Status: Hearing 3/15 at 1:00 p.m. (2/8)	Position: Support  Comment: Died in committee without a vote
<a href="#">SB 138 (HB 317)</a> Sen. Michael Jackson et al.  Prior Yr Info: 2022: SB 100 - Support 2021: SB 936 -	Overdose Awareness Day  synopsis same as CF HB 317	Committees: Education, Energy, and the Environment  Status: Hearing 3/03 at 2:00 p.m. (2/17)	Position: Support  Comment: Greg drafted testimony - submitted  Died in committee without a vote
<a href="#">HB 321</a> Del. Samuel Rosenberg et al.	Cigarette Restitution Fund - Payments for Sale and Marketing of Electronic Smoking Devices - Use  Requiring the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include a separate account consisting of payments received by the State from certain enforcement actions related to the sale and marketing of electronic smoking devices; and providing that distributions from the separate account may be used, consistent with any other State law, to supplement General Fund appropriations designated for certain programs with the purpose of reducing the use of tobacco products by individuals under 21 years of age.	Committees: Health and Government Operations  Status: Returned Passed (4/10)	Position: Support with Amendment  Comment: The bill dedicates any revenue from to the state as a result of litigation related to the sale and marketing of electronic smoking devices to the Cigarette Restitution Fund. Fund must be used for the purpose of reducing the use of tobacco products by individuals under the age of 21 years.

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			<p>MDDCSAM would prefer the bill not limit spending to programs addressing young people - no amendment to this effect was adopted</p> <p>Passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 418 (SB 283)</a> Del. Heather Bagnall et al.</p>	<p>Mental Health - Workforce Development - Fund Established</p> <p>Establishing the Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with educating, training, certifying, recruiting, placing, and retaining behavioral health professionals and paraprofessionals; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in coordination with certain entities, to conduct a comprehensive behavioral health workforce needs assessment on or before October 1, 2024, and submit the assessment to certain committees of the General Assembly by October 15, 2024.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (4/8)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: The bill mandates a workgroup conduct a comprehensive behavioral health workforce needs assessment to develop recommendations on policies and funding to address the workforce shortage. It also creates the Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with educating, training, certifying, recruiting, placing, and retaining behavioral health professionals and paraprofessionals.</p> <p>This is a priority of the Behavioral Health Coalition.</p> <p>Passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 283 (HB 418)</a> Sen. Malcolm Augustine</p>	<p>Mental Health - Workforce Development - Fund Established</p>	<p>Committees: Budget and Taxation; Finance</p>	<p>Position: Support</p>

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<a href="#">HB 427 (SB 546)</a> Del. Jon Cardin et al.  Prior Yr Info: 2022: HB 190 - Support 2021: HB 212 - Support 2020: HB 738 - Support 2018: HB 799 - Support	Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity  Altering certain provisions relating to immunity from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a person experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs.	Committees: Judiciary  Status: Returned Passed (4/6)	Position: Support  Comment: Good Samaritan Bill - This bill extends protections against the violation of parole and probation to the person experiencing the medical emergency.  Testimony submitted  Passed the General Assembly
<a href="#">SB 546 (HB 427)</a> Sen. C. Muse et al.	Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity  synopsis same as CF HB 427	Committees: Judicial Proceedings  Status: Returned Passed (4/7)	Position: Support  Comment: Testimony submitted  Passed the General Assembly
<a href="#">HB 488 (SB 482)</a> Del. Joe Vogel et al.	Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program - Mental Health Professionals in Public Schools  Expanding the purpose of the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include assisting in the repayment of loans for mental health	Committees: Appropriations; Ways and Means  Status: Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means) (2/1)	Position: Support with Amendment  Comment: This bill expands the Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program to include



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	professionals serving as school psychologists, resource psychologists, psychologist coordinators, social workers, social worker supervisors, or mental health coordinators in the public schools; and requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance to publicize the Program to eligible mental health professionals to help recruit and retain mental health professionals in the public schools.		<p>"mental health professionals" who work in public schools. This includes school psychologists, resource psychologists, psychologist coordinators, social workers, social work supervisors, and mental health coordinators.</p> <p>Content of the bill was amended into HB 1219 which passed the General Assembly</p>
<a href="#">SB 482 (HB 488)</a> Sen. Karen Young et al.	Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program - Mental Health Professionals in Public Schools	Committees: Appropriations; Ways and Means  Status: Hearing 3/29 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means) and Hearing canceled (Appropriations) (3/23)	Position: Support with Amendment  Comment: Content of the bill was amended into HB 1219 which passed the General Assembly
<a href="#">HB 549 (SB 555)</a> Del. Adrienne Jones et al.	Fair Wage Act of 2023	Committees: Economic Matters  Status: Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. (2/8)	Position: Support  Comment: Testimony submitted  Crossfile passed and was signed into law by the Governor
<a href="#">SB 555 (HB 549)</a> Sen. Bill Ferguson et al.	Fair Wage Act of 2023  Increasing the State minimum wage rate; repealing the authority of the Board of Public Works to temporarily suspend an increase in the minimum	Committees:  Status:	Position: Support

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	wage rate; and repealing the requirement that the Governor's budgets for certain fiscal years include certain provider rate increases.	Approved by the Governor - Chapter 2 (4/11)	<p>Comment: Testimony submitted</p> <p>Amended to have the minimum wage reach \$15/hour on January 1, 2024</p> <p>Passed the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor</p>
<a href="#">HB 556 (SB 516)</a> Del. C. Wilson et al.	<p>Cannabis Reform</p> <p>Renaming the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission; establishing a regulatory and licensing system for adult-use cannabis; imposing the sales and use tax on the sale of adult-use cannabis at certain rates in certain fiscal years; establishing the Cannabis Regulation and Enforcement Division as an independent unit in the Commission; requiring the Division, by July 1, 2023, to convert medical cannabis licenses to licenses to operate a medical and adult-use cannabis business; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Economic Matters</p> <p>Status: Passed Enrolled (4/8)</p>	<p>Position: No Position</p> <p>Comment: Letter of Information was submitted</p> <p>There are significant amendments</p> <p>Passed the General Assembly</p>
<a href="#">SB 516 (HB 556)</a> Sen. Brian Feldman et al.	<p>Cannabis Reform</p>	<p>Committees: Budget and Taxation; Finance</p> <p>Status: Passed Enrolled (4/10)</p>	<p>Position: No Position</p> <p>Comment: MPS/MPHA/MDDCSAM/NCADD joint letter</p> <p>Passed the General Assembly</p>
<a href="#">HB 570</a> Del. Heather Bagnall	<p>Public Health - Prescription Opioids - Deactivation Systems</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p>

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	Prohibiting the dispensing of prescription opioids unless the dispenser provides a personal use pharmaceutical disposal system to the ultimate user at no cost; defining a "personal use pharmaceutical disposal system" as a portable product designed to allow the ultimate user to deactivate the prescribed opioid to a nonretrievable condition; and authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to provide personal use pharmaceutical disposal systems to certain pharmacies.	Status: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (2/15)	Comment: Died in committee without a vote
<a href="#">HB 573 (SB 263)</a> Del. Adrian Boafu et al.  Prior Yr Info: 2022: HB 1029 -	Maryland Higher Education Commission - Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee - Establishment  Establishing the Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to study the provision of and access to mental health services in institutions of higher education; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2023.	Committees: Appropriations  Status: Returned Passed (4/5)	Position: Support with Amendment  Comment: This bill establishes an "Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee" to study access to mental health services at institutions of higher education, both on and off campus, and make recommendations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ways to reduce costs and barriers to providing access to mental health services on the campus</li> <li>• Providing mental health services through video conference and telemedicine</li> <li>• Disseminating information to students related to mental health services on and off campus</li> <li>• Implementing counseling services, both general and specialized</li> <li>• Any other matters the committee considers</li> </ul>

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			<p>Request amendment to add SUD – the amendment was not accepted</p> <p>Passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 263 (HB 573)</a> Sen. Michael Jackson et al.</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2022: SB 937 -</p>	<p>Maryland Higher Education Commission - Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee - Establishment</p> <p>Establishing the Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee within the Maryland Higher Education Commission; requiring the staff for the Committee to be provided on a rotating basis by the institutions of higher education that have members on the Committee; and requiring the Committee to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain legislative committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2023.</p>	<p>Committees: Education, Energy, and the Environment</p> <p>Status: Passed Enrolled (4/7)</p>	<p>Position: Support with Amendment</p> <p>Comment: Passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 615</a> Del. Marlon Amprey</p>	<p>Workgroup on Black, Latino, Asian American Pacific Islander, and Other Underrepresented Behavioral Health Professionals - Extension of Dates</p> <p>Extending the reporting and termination dates, to July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025, respectively, for the Workgroup on Black, Latino, Asian American Pacific Islander, and Other Underrepresented Behavioral Health Professionals.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (4/6)</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment: Passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 667 (SB 532)</a> Del. Brooke Grossman</p>	<p>Criminal Law - Overdosing in Public - Prohibition</p> <p>Prohibiting a person from overdosing in certain public places or on a public conveyance; and authorizing a court to refer a person who overdoses in certain public places or on a public conveyance to drug court or substance abuse treatment rather than imposing a term of imprisonment not exceeding 60 days or a fine not exceeding \$500 or both.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: Withdrawn by Sponsor (2/27)</p>	<p>Position: Oppose</p> <p>Comment: Testimony submitted</p> <p>Withdrawn</p>

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<a href="#">SB 532 (HB 667)</a> Sen. Paul Corderman	Criminal Law - Overdosing in Public - Prohibition  synopsis same as CF HB 667	Committees: Judicial Proceedings  Status: Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings (3/27)	Position: Oppose  Comment: Testimony submitted  Unfavorable report by committee
<a href="#">HB 668 (SB 595)</a> Del. Nick Allen et al.	Gaming - Problem Gambling Fund - Table Game Fees and Distribution of Sports Wagering Proceeds  Requiring, rather than authorizing, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to establish a certain annual fee of \$500 for each table game to be distributed to the Problem Gambling Fund; and altering the distribution of the proceeds from sports wagering to provide 1% of the proceeds to the Fund.	Committees: Ways and Means  Status: Hearing 2/23 at 1:00 p.m. (2/7)	Position: Support  Comment: Died in committee without a vote
<a href="#">SB 595 (HB 668)</a> Sen. Katherine Klausmeier	Gaming - Problem Gambling Fund - Table Game Fees and Distribution of Sports Wagering Proceeds  synopsis same as CF HB 668	Committees: Budget and Taxation  Status: Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m. (2/7)	Position: Support  Comment: Died in committee without a vote
<a href="#">HB 681 (SB 558)</a> Del. Eric Ebersole et al.	Recovery Residence Grant Program - Establishment  Establishing the Recovery Residence Grant Program within the Maryland Department of Health to award competitive grants to recovery residences to support operations, services, and programs; requiring the Department to establish certain procedures; requiring the annual budget bill to include \$500,000 for the Program in each of fiscal years 2024 through 2027; and requiring the Department to submit an	Committees:  Status: Referred Rules (4/6)	Position: No Position  Comment: Letter of information  Passed the General Assembly

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	annual report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1 each year, beginning in 2024.		
<a href="#">SB 558 (HB 681)</a> Sen. Guy Guzzone	Recovery Residence Grant Program - Establishment	Committees: Finance  Status: Returned Passed (4/6)	Position: No Position  Comment: Letter of information  This bill creates a Recovery Residence Grant Program in MDH to award competitive operating grants to recovery residences certified at levels I, II, or III. It is funded at \$500,000 for four years.  Passed the General Assembly
<a href="#">HB 785 (SB 515)</a> Del. Steve Johnson et al.	Health Insurance - Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocol and Prior Authorization - Revisions  Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to establish a certain process for requesting an exception to a step therapy or fail-first protocol; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring more than a certain number of prior authorizations for a prescription for different dosages of the same prescription drug; etc.	Committees: Health and Government Operations  Status: Returned Passed (4/5)	Position: Monitor  Comment: Passed the General Assembly
<a href="#">SB 515 (HB 785)</a> Sen. Clarence Lam	Health Insurance - Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocol - Revisions	Committees: Finance  Status: Returned Passed (4/6)	Position: Monitor  Comment: Passed the General Assembly

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<a href="#">HB 787 (SB 815)</a> Del. Vanessa Atterbeary	<p>Alcoholic Beverages - Retail Delivery - Alterations and Third-Party Delivery Service Permit</p> <p>Establishing a delivery service permit that authorizes the holder to deliver alcoholic beverages from a retail license holder authorized to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in the State under certain circumstances; authorizing retail license holders to deliver alcoholic beverages to purchasers in the State through a third-party contractor, an independent contractor, or an agent that holds a delivery service permit under certain circumstances; and establishing certain standards and requirements for the retail delivery of alcoholic beverages.</p>	<p>Committees: Economic Matters</p> <p>Status: Referred to interim study by Economic Matters (3/17)</p>	<p>Position: Oppose</p> <p>Comment: Testimony submitted</p> <p>Referred to "interim study"</p>
<a href="#">SB 815 (HB 787)</a> Sen. Alonzo Washington	<p>Alcoholic Beverages - Retail Delivery - Alterations and Third-Party Delivery Service Permit</p> <p>synopsis same as CF HB 787</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. (2/10)</p>	<p>Position: Oppose</p> <p>Comment: Testimony submitted</p> <p>Crossfile was referred to "interim study"</p>
<a href="#">HB 811 (SB 914)</a> Del. Joe Vogel et al.	<p>Hospitals - Testing for Fentanyl (The Josh Siems Act)</p> <p>Requiring a hospital to include testing for fentanyl as part of a urine drug screening; and requiring the hospital, if a urine drug screening detects fentanyl, to report the deidentified test results to the Maryland Department of Health through the State-designated health information exchange.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (4/5)</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment: As amended, the bill requires that if an individual is treated at a hospital a urine drug screening to assist in diagnosing the individual's condition is conducted, the hospital shall include testing for fentanyl in the urine drug screening. If positive for</p>

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			<p>fenanyl, a report shall be made to the health information exchange.</p> <p>Passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 914 (HB 811)</a> Sen. Arthur Ellis et al.</p>	<p>Hospitals - Testing for Fentanyl (The Josh Siems Act)  synopsis same as CF HB 811</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (4/10)</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment:  Passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 813 (SB 441)</a> Del. Steve Johnson</p>	<p>Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Prescription Digital Therapeutics</p> <p>Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide coverage for prescription digital therapeutics for Program recipients; and defining "prescription digital therapeutic" as a product, a device, an Internet application, or any other technology approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration that has an approved indication for the prevention, management, or treatment of certain medical conditions, primarily uses software to achieve results, and requires a prescription.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m. (2/13)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Testimony submitted</p> <p>The sponsors are working on a joint letter to send to the Department to urge them to examine how to reimburse these products</p> <p>Died in committee without a vote</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 441 (HB 813)</a> Sen. Clarence Lam</p>	<p>Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Prescription Digital Therapeutics</p> <p>synopsis same as CF HB 813</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (2/3)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Anika drafted testimony - submitted</p>



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<p><a href="#">HB 927</a> Del. Sheila Ruth et al.</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2022: HB 1054 - Support</p>	<p>Criminal Law - Use or Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance - De Minimis Quantity</p> <p>Making certain violations relating to the use or possession of certain de minimis quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances a civil offense rather than a misdemeanor; authorizing a court to refer a person under the age of 21 years who commits a certain violation to mental health assessment and treatment under certain circumstances; and requiring that a certain case proceed in drug court under certain circumstances.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m. (2/13)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Bill may turn into a task force</p> <p>Testimony submitted</p> <p>Died in committee without a vote</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 953 (SB 618)</a> Del. Joseline Pena-Melnyk et al.</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2021: HB 396 - Support 2020: HB 464 - Support</p>	<p>Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program</p> <p>Authorizing a community-based organization, with the approval of the Maryland Department of Health, to establish an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program to provide a location for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and certain other services; authorizing a Program to bill the insurance carrier of an individual who uses the services; authorizing the Department to approve no more than 6 programs, preferably two in urban, two in rural, and two in suburban areas; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (2/15)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Scott updated testimony - submitted</p> <p>Died in committee without a vote</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 618 (HB 953)</a> Sen. Shelly Hettleman et al.</p>	<p>Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p>	<p>Position: Support</p>

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<p>Prior Yr Info: 2021: SB 279 - Support 2020: SB 990 - Support</p>	<p>synopsis same as CF HB 953</p>	<p>Status: Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m. (2/8)</p>	<p>Comment: Testimony submitted  Died in committee without a vote</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 956</a> Del. Nicole Williams</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2022: HB 1335 - Monitor</p>	<p>Pregnant and Perinatal Drug Screening and Testing Workgroup</p> <p>Requiring the Secretary of Health to establish a Pregnant and Perinatal Drug Screening and Testing Workgroup to study and make recommendations relating to drug screening and testing of pregnant and perinatal patients and newborn infants; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by December 1, 2024.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Withdrawn by Sponsor (3/6)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment: This bill establishes a Pregnant and Perinatal Drug Screening and Testing Workgroup to study and make recommendations on drug screening and testing of pregnant and perinatal patients and newborn infants.</p> <p>Withdrawn</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1071</a> Del. Charlotte Crutchfield et al.</p>	<p>Criminal Law and Procedure - Cannabis - Fines for Smoking in Public, Stops, and Searches</p> <p>Altering the maximum fines for smoking cannabis in a public place; prohibiting a law enforcement officer from initiating a stop or a search of a person, a motor vehicle, or a vessel based solely on certain factors; prohibiting, under certain circumstances, a law enforcement officer from conducting a search of a certain area of a motor vehicle or vessel; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: Passed Enrolled (4/10)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">HB 1147</a> Del. Nino Mangione et al.</p>	<p>Public Health - Cannabis Programs - Cannabis-Induced Psychosis and THC Concentration Limit</p> <p>Requiring the cannabis oversight agency to, by regulation, establish a procedure to ensure that no individual who has been diagnosed with cannabis-</p>	<p>Committees: Economic Matters; Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment: Died in committee without a vote</p>

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	<p>induced psychosis may purchase cannabis or cannabis products through the State's medical cannabis program or adult-use cannabis program; and requiring the cannabis oversight agency to, by regulation, prohibit any cannabis or cannabis product sold through the State's adult-use cannabis program from containing greater than a 15% concentration of delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol.</p>	<p>(Economic Matters) and Hearing canceled (Health and Government Operations) (2/22)</p>	
<p><a href="#">HB 1148 (SB 582)</a> Del. David Moon et al.</p>	<p>Behavioral Health Care - Treatment and Access (Behavioral Health Model for Maryland)</p> <p>Establishing the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access to make recommendations to provide appropriate, accessible, and comprehensive behavioral health services that are available on demand to individuals in the State; establishing the Behavioral Health Care Coordination Value-Based Purchasing Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department to apply for certain federal planning grant funds; requiring the Department to apply to participate in a certain demonstration program; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (4/3)</p>	<p>Position: Support with Amendment</p> <p>Comment: As amended, the bill's goal is to improve behavioral health services for individuals in the state through:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) the establishment of a behavioral health pilot program;</li> <li>2) the establishment of a behavioral health commission;</li> <li>3) extending the sunset for Medicaid and private insurance reimbursement of certain telehealth services by two years, from June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2025; and</li> <li>4) requiring the Department to apply to CMS for federal planning, development, and implementation grant funds related to certified community behavioral health clinics in FY 25, and inclusion in the demonstration project in FY 26.</li> </ol> <p>MDDCSAM was not directly amended onto the Commission</p>

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			Passed the General Assembly
<a href="#">SB 582 (HB 1148)</a> Sen. Malcolm Augustine	Behavioral Health Care - Treatment and Access (Behavioral Health Model for Maryland)	Committees: Finance  Status: Returned Passed (4/10)	Position: Monitor  Comment: Passed the General Assembly
<a href="#">HB 1198</a> Del. Seth Howard et al.	Drug and Alcohol Treatment Programs - Discharge of Patients and Referral Services - Standards  Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish by regulation standards relating to the discharge of patients from drug and alcohol treatment programs and certain referral services offered to patients by certain drug and alcohol treatment programs.	Committees: Health and Government Operations  Status: Hearing 3/14 at 1:00 p.m. (2/22)	Position: Oppose  Comment: Died in committee without a vote
<a href="#">HB 1215</a> Del. William Wivell	Criminal Procedure - Alcohol and Drug Offenses - Immunities - Limitations  Requiring that a person who is immune from arrest, charge, or prosecution for certain alcohol and drug offenses under certain circumstances be referred to substance use disorder treatment services regulated by the Behavioral Health Administration; and prohibiting a person from receiving certain immunity if the person has failed to participate in a program or has received immunity twice.	Committees: Judiciary  Status: Hearing 3/09 at 1:00 p.m. (2/13)	Position: Oppose  Comment: This bill would completely undermine MD's Good Samaritan law  Died in committee without a vote
<a href="#">HB 1249 (SB 362)</a> Del. Kevin Hornberger et al.	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics - Planning Grant Funds and Demonstration Application	Committees:  Status: Referred Rules (4/10)	Position: Support

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<a href="#">SB 362 (HB 1249)</a> Sen. Guy Guzzone et al.	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics - Planning Grant Funds and Demonstration Application  Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration at the Center for Mental Health Services for federal planning, development, and implementation grant funds related to certified community behavioral health clinics for fiscal year 2025; and requiring the Department to apply to the Administration for inclusion in the state certified community behavioral health clinic demonstration program for fiscal year 2026.	Committees: Finance  Status: Returned Passed (4/6)	Position: Support  Comment: As amended, requires the Department to apply to CMS for federal planning, development, and implementation grant funds related to certified community behavioral health clinics in FY 25, and inclusion in the demonstration project in FY 26.  Passed the General Assembly
<a href="#">SB 108</a> Sen. Malcolm Augustine	Health Insurance - Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits - Coverage and Reimbursement  Requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage and certain reimbursement for annual behavioral health wellness visits.	Committees: Finance  Status: Hearing 2/01 at 2:30 p.m. (1/25)	Position: Monitor  Comment: Died in committee without a vote
<a href="#">SB 249</a> Sen. Benjamin Kramer	Motor Vehicle Administration - Driver Education Program - Cannabis or Alcohol  Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include in the curriculum for a standardized driver education program information on the laws relating to and the risks of driving while under the influence of cannabis or alcohol.	Committees: Environment and Transportation  Status: Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation (4/3)	Position: Monitor  Comment: Amended in the Senate to include alcohol in the education

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			Passed the Senate and was given an unfavorable report by the House committee
<p><a href="#">SB 259</a> Sen. Clarence Lam</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2020: SB 233 - Support</p>	<p>Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products - Prohibition</p> <p>Providing that certain licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices do not authorize the licensee to manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a flavored tobacco product with a taste or smell of fruit, mint, candy, or other nontobacco flavors; providing that a public statement that cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices have or produce a certain smell or taste is presumptive evidence that they are flavored tobacco products; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m. (1/28)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Testimony submitted</p> <p>Died in committee without a vote</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 534</a> Sen. Dawn Gile et al.</p>	<p>Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2023</p> <p>Extending to June 30, 2025, the inclusion of certain audio-only telephone conversations under the definition of "telehealth" for the purpose of certain provisions of law relating to reimbursement and coverage of telehealth by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations; requiring the Maryland Medical Health Care Commission to study and make recommendations regarding the delivery of health care services through telehealth by December 1, 2024; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Returned Passed (3/31)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Extends the sunset to the Preserve Telehealth Access Act to 2025</p> <p>Passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 581</a> Sen. Katherine Klausmeier et al.</p>	<p>Behavioral Health Care Coordination Value-Based Purchasing Pilot Program</p> <p>Establishing the Behavioral Health Value-Based</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment:</p>

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	<p>Purchasing Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Health to establish and implement an intensive care coordination model using value-based purchasing in the specialty behavioral health system; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2025 through 2027, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$600,000 for the Pilot Program; and requiring the Department to report by November 1, 2027 on the findings and recommendations from the Pilot Program.</p>	<p>Status: Returned Passed (3/31)</p>	<p>The bill establishes a 3-year pilot program, administered by the Department of Health, to implement an intensive care coordination model using value-based purchasing in the specialty behavioral health system that measures outcomes and ties reimbursement to those outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to at least 500 adult Medicaid recipients whose behavioral health condition or functioning makes them at risk of emergency department utilization or inpatient psychiatric hospital admission</li> <li>• through a selected provider, or network of providers, reimbursed by the Department on a per member per month basis for behavioral health care coordination activities not covered by Medicaid.</li> </ul> <p>The bill includes a funding mandate of \$600,000 for each of fiscal years 2025, 2026, and 2027.</p> <p>Greg wrote testimony - submitted</p> <p>Passed the General Assembly</p>
<p><a href="#">SB 676</a> Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher</p>	<p>Drugged Driving - Cannabis-Impaired Driving Test Pilot Program - Establishment</p> <p>Establishing a pilot program to examine the effectiveness of cannabis-impaired driving tests in</p>	<p>Committees: Judicial Proceedings</p> <p>Status:</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment:</p>

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	enforcing the prohibition against driving while impaired by drugs; authorizing a police officer in a participating jurisdiction to administer voluntary cannabis-impaired driving tests if the officer has reasonable grounds to believe an individual is or has been driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle while the individual is impaired by cannabis; etc.	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m. (2/14)	Died in committee without a vote