

Action Plan for Addressing Legislation Passed in 2013

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Agenda

- ▶ Fiscal 2014 Joint Chairmen's Report Budget Narrative
- ▶ Fiscal 2014 Supplemental Budget– Advanced Directive Registry
- ▶ **HB 228/ SB274** Maryland Health Progress Act of 2013
- ▶ **HB 581** Establishment of Palliative Care Pilot Programs
- ▶ **HB 934/ SB 776** Task Force on the Use of Telehealth to Improve Maryland Health Care
- ▶ **HB 1015/ SB 746** Step Therapy or Fail–First Protocol

Fiscal 2014 Joint Chairmen's Report

- ▶ Requires MHCC to convene a group of interested stakeholders to evaluate regional health delivery and health planning in rural areas.
- ▶ The evaluation should include
 - the appropriateness of current health planning region designations;
 - the adequacy of the health care workforce in rural areas;
 - barriers to accessing health care services caused by distance;
 - adequacy of transportation to health care services;
 - the impact on recent hospital consolidation on the availability of services in rural areas;
 - and recommendations for change.
- ▶ MHCC must report by December 1, 2013.

Fiscal 2014 Supplemental Budget

- ▶ \$91,000 in Office of Health Care Quality Budget
- ▶ Voluntary Advanced Directive Registry
- ▶ Funds will be transferred to MHCC through Budget Amendment
- ▶ MHCC will work with CRISP to create registry

HB 229/SB 274 Maryland Health Progress Act

- ▶ Last step in implementing the ACA includes:
 - Medicaid expansion
 - Exchange financing
 - Provides for the migration of MHIP enrollees to the exchange
 - Develops a state reinsurance program
 - Puts in place policies to promote continuity of care
 - Makes changes necessary for the Exchange to achieve final federal certification.
- ▶ MHCC is required to work with the Exchange, DHMH and the MIA to report on implementation of continuity of care policies

HB 581

Establishment of Palliative Care Pilot Programs

- ▶ MHCC is required to:
 - Select 5 pilot sites
 - In conjunction with the Office of Health Care Quality and Maryland Hospital Association identify core data measures for data collection and develop standards for the reporting requirements
 - On or before Dec 1, 2015 report findings of the pilot including best practices and data outcomes to be used to develop minimum standards for palliative care programs across the State

HB 934

Task Force on the Use of Telehealth to Improve Maryland Health Care

- ▶ Requires MHCC to reconvene Telemedicine Task Force of 2010 in the form of three advisory groups
 - Technical Solutions and Standards Advisory Group
 - Finance and Business Model Advisory Group
 - Clinical Advisory Group
- ▶ Broadly requires the study of the Telehealth to improve health status
 - Senate Finance Committee added a requirement to study the use of telehealth in rural areas

HB 1015/SB 746 Step Therapy or Fail First Protocol

- ▶ Several subcommittee work sessions occurred in both the House and the Senate
- ▶ Bills were not voted out of Committee
- ▶ Letter date April 8, 2013 from Committee Chairs requesting MHCC convene meetings of stakeholders to discuss Step Therapy policies
- ▶ Report to Committees by December 15, 2013 on recommendations

Center Responsibility

Report	Primary Center	Secondary Center
Regional Health Delivery	Center for Hospital Services	Executive Direction
Advanced Directive Registry	Center for Health Information Technology	N/A
Continuity of Care	Center for Information Services and Analysis	N/A
Palliative Care Pilot Programs	Center for Long-Term Care and Community Based Services	Center for Hospital Services
Telehealth Task Force	Center for Health Information Technology	Center for Hospital Services/ Executive Direction
Step Therapy Workgroup	Center for Health Care Financing and Health Policy	Executive Direction

Questions???