



Have a Heart & Fund Our Care Health Justice Legislative Agenda

As we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, we can build a healthier and more just Maryland.

We are an alliance of organizations working toward health justice and equity for our state by creating a Health Justice Legislative Agenda for 2022. Our alliance includes 1199SEIU, CASA, Health Care for the Homeless, Maryland Health Care for All Coalition, National Domestic Workers Alliance, SEIU Local 500, End Medical Debt Maryland, NAACP Baltimore County, Public Justice Center, Maryland Poor People's Campaign, Our Revolution, SEIU32BJ, Maryland Rise, ProChoice Maryland, the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition, Progressive Maryland, and more! *Please note that not every organization endorses every piece of legislation included in the agenda.*

Together, we can improve the quality of patient care, make healthcare more affordable, and fix our healthcare staffing crisis for good. Have a heart, and fund our care!

SB728: Access to Care & SB778/HB1035: Healthy Babies Equity Act

Sponsors: Delegate Pena-Melnyk & Senator Lam

Together, these two bills would extend Affordable Care Act coverage to all Marylanders, including pregnant Marylanders, regardless of their immigration status. *For more information, contact Kony Serrano with CASA at kserrano@wearecasa.org.*

HB6/SB150: MD Medical Assistance Program – Dental Coverage for Adults

Sponsors: Delegate Cullison & Senators Augustine, Guzzone

Requires the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive dental care for adults whose annual household income is at or below 133% of the federal poverty level. *For more information, contact Joanna Diamond with Healthcare for the Homeless at jdiamond@hchmd.org.*

HB709/SB632: Small Business and Nonprofits Health Insurance Subsidies Program

Sponsors: Delegates R. Lewis, Lierman, Lewis Young & Senators Hester and Feldman

Requires the state to commit \$45 million/year to help small businesses and small nonprofits pay for health insurance for workers at Maryland Health Connection through a state subsidy program, plus \$3 million/year for outreach. *For more information, contact Stephanie Klapper with Maryland Health Care for All! Coalition at stephanie@healthcareforall.com.*



SB761: Maryland Medicaid Wage Pass-Through Act

Sponsors: Delegate Young & Senator Rosapepe

Increases Medicaid medical care provider reimbursement rates by 4% and allow for the increase to be strictly designated for worker wages and benefits. *For more information, contact Ricarra Jones with 1199SEIU United Healthcare Workers East at ricarra.jones@1199.org.*

HB694: Justice for Hospital Patients Act of 2022

Sponsors: Delegate Charkoudian & Senator Hayes

Requires the Office of the Comptroller, the Department of Human Services, and the Health Services Cost Review Commission to help identify and notify low-income hospital patients who should have received free care that they are entitled to reimbursement from the hospital for overpayment of medical expenses. *For more information, contact Ashley Black with End Medical Debt Maryland at BlackA@publicjustice.org.*

HB8/SB275: Time to Care Act of 2022

Sponsors: Delegate Valderrama & Senator Hayes

Establishes a family and medical leave insurance program, through which employees may take up to 12 weeks of paid leave to care for new children, other family members with severe health conditions or disabilities, or themselves. *For more information, contact Myles Hicks with Maryland Rise at myles@marylandrise.org.*

Pregnant Person's Freedom Act

Sponsors: Delegate Williams & Senator Smith

Prohibits the subjection of pregnant people or those who have experienced pregnancy loss or termination to Maryland's criminal justice and/or civil court systems. Protects individuals who support someone experiencing pregnancy loss or seeking abortion care. *For more information, contact Lily Bolourian with ProChoice Maryland at lily@prochoicemd.org.*

