



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

2014 Legislative Session: DCH-Related Legislation



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Mission

The mission of the Department of Community Health is to provide access to affordable, quality health care to Georgians through effective planning, purchasing, and oversight.

We are dedicated to A Healthy Georgia.

DCH-Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **General Agency-Related Legislation**
 - **HB 998** (Medical scholarships; revise provisions relating to scholarships and loans)
 - **SB 352** (Georgia Council on Lupus Education and Awareness; create)
 - **SB 391** (Health; provide that each medical facility make a good faith application; TRICARE network)
 - **SR 1121** (Community Health and Public Health; encouraged to collaborate and develop a report; prevent and control diabetes)

DCH-Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **Healthcare Facility Regulation-Related Legislation**
 - **HB 899** (Unlicensed personal care homes; criminal penalties for owning or operating; provide)
 - **SR 828** (Joint Study Committee on Emergency Relocation of Abused Adults; create)

DCH-Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **Inspector General-Related Legislation**
 - **HB 973** (Medicaid; changes to civil penalties for false or fraudulent claims; provisions)

DCH-Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **Medicaid-Related Legislation**
 - **HB 772** (Public assistance; drug testing for applicants for food stamps; require)
 - **SR 1175** (Medicaid Care Management Organizations Credentialing; create Senate Study Committee)

DCH-Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **State Health Benefit Plan-Related Legislation**
 - **HB 490** (Teacher health insurance plans; contract with local employers to librarians and other personnel employed by regional and county libraries; expand board authorization)
 - **HB 511** (State employees' health insurance plan; pilot program to provide coverage for bariatric surgical procedures for treatment and management of obesity; provide)
 - **SB 98** ("Federal Abortion Mandate Opt-out Act")
 - **SB 281** (State Employees; require a high deductible health care plan with health savings account; offered as an option)

Next Steps

- Conduct a legal and programmatic analysis to determine the full impact of the legislation
- Develop and rollout any policy and practice changes to meet new requirements