



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

2017 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

- **Healthcare Facility Regulation Related Legislation**
 - **HB 249** (Controlled substances; collect more information regarding dispensing and use; provisions)
 - **HB 486** (Georgia Registered Professional Nurse Practice Act; training of proxy caregivers; provisions)

DCH Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **Healthcare Facility Regulation Related Legislation cont.**
 - **SB 88** (Narcotic Treatment Programs Enforcement Act)
 - **SB 96** (Health; pronouncement of death by registered professional nurses; nursing homes and hospice care; authorize; county medical examiner's duties after notice of suspicious death; make a conforming change)



DCH Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **Medicaid Related Legislation**
 - **HB 154** (Dental hygienists; perform certain functions under general supervision; authorize)
 - **HB 206** (Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights)

DCH Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **Medicaid Related Legislation cont.**
 - **SB 70** (Hospital Medicaid Financing Program; sunset provision; extend)
 - **SR 188** (Senate Study Committee on Barriers to Georgians' Access to Adequate Healthcare)

DCH Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **State Office of Rural Health Related Legislation**
 - **SB 14** (State Income Taxes; rural hospitals income tax credit; clarify the amount of an exemption for certain entities under the contributions)

Next Steps

- **Continue conducting 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 (pending Governor signature)**