



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

2021 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.

DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **HB 93** (State Licensure of Laboratories)
 - Impact to Healthcare Facility Regulation
 - Effective Date: July 1, 2021
- **HB 146** (Paid Parental Leave for State Employees)
 - Impact to Human Resources and Finance
 - Effective Date: July 1, 2021



DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **HB 163** (Express Lane Enrollment)
 - Impact to Medical Assistance Plans and Finance
 - Effective Date: July 1, 2021

- **HB 271** (Ambulance UPL)
 - Impact to Finance and Medical Assistance Plans
 - Effective Date: July 1, 2021



DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **HB 307** (Georgia Telehealth Act)
 - Impact to Medical Assistance Plans and State Health Benefit Plan.
 - Effective Date: Upon Signature

- **HB 553** (Administrative Hearings)
 - Impact to General Counsel
 - Effective Date: Upon Signature (4/29/21)



DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **SB 4** (Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Programs)
 - Impact to Healthcare Facility Regulation Division
 - Effective Date: July 1, 2021

- **SB 80** (Prior Authorizations)
 - Impact to Medical Assistance Plans and State Health Benefit Plan
 - Effective Date: January 1, 2022



DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **SB 215** (Certified Medication Aides and Certified Nurse Aides)
 - Impact to Healthcare Facility Regulation and Medical Assistance Plans
 - Effective Date: Upon Signature



Next Steps

- Continue conducting a legal and programmatic analysis of legislation to determine the full impact of the legislation
- Develop and roll out any policy and practice changes and propose adoption of rules where needed to implement new requirements





Purpose:

Shaping the future of A Healthy Georgia by improving access and ensuring quality to strengthen the communities we serve.