



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

2019 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 63** (Step Therapy Protocol Establishment)
 - Impact to State Health Benefit Plan
 - Signed 4/25/19
- **HB 91** (Fingerprint Retention for Long-Term Care Provider Background Checks)
 - Impact to Healthcare Facility Regulation Division and Office of Inspector General
 - Signed 4/28/19



DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **HB 186** (Certificate of Need; Office of Health Strategy and Coordination)
 - Impact to Office of Health Planning, Medicaid, State Health Benefit Plan, Healthcare Analytics, State Office of Rural Health
 - Signed 4/25/19
- **HB 187** (Obesity Treatment Pilot Program)
 - Impact to State Health Benefit Plan



DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **HB 197** (Strategic Integrated Data System)
 - Impact to Healthcare Analytics, Information Technology, Medicaid and State Health Benefit Plan.
- **HB 321** (Hospital Medicaid Financing Program; Hospital Financial Disclosure; Rural Hospital Tax Credit)
 - Impact to Finance, Medicaid, and State Office of Rural Health
 - Signed 4/25/19



DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **HB 374** (Morphine Administration in Assisted Living Communities)
 - Impact to Healthcare Facility Regulation Division
- **HB 424** (Designation of Law Enforcement Agencies by HFRD to Investigate Unlicensed Personal Care Homes)
 - Impact to Healthcare Facility Regulation Division
 - Signed 4/18/19



DCH Related Bills: Departmental Impact

- **SB 106 (Patients First Act)**
 - Impact to Medicaid
 - Signed 3/27/19

- **SB 184 (Reimbursement for Services at Federally Qualified Health Centers)**
 - Impact to State Health Benefit Plan
 - Signed 4/25/19



DCH Related Resolutions: Study Committees

- **HR 533** (House Study Committee on Innovative Financial Options for Senior Living)
- **HR 584** (House Study Committee on Exploring a Floor and Trade Charity Care System)
- **HR 589** (House Study Committee on Maternal Mortality)



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.