






2017 Legislative Agenda



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FEDERAL

- Comprehensive Addiction Resources Emergency (CARE) Act
 - Based on Ryan White Act
 - \$4 billion per year to states, territories, and tribal governments
 - \$2.7 billion per year to the hardest hit counties and cities
 - \$1.8 billion per year for public health surveillance, biomedical research, and improved training for health professionals
 - \$1 billion per year to support expanded and innovative service delivery
 - \$500 million per year to expand access to the overdose reversal drug naloxone



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STATE

- Successes
 - ACA Stabilization
 - Health Insurance – Individual Market Stabilization – Maryland Health Care Access Act of 2018 (HB1782/SB387)
 - Removal of the Pharmacists’ “Gag” Rule
 - Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Pharmacies and Pharmacists - Information on and Sales of Prescription Drugs (HB736/SB576)
 - Certification for Community Health Workers
 - Public Health – Community Health Workers – Advisory Committee and Certification (SB163/HB490)
 - Reimbursement of Certified Peer Recover Specialists
 - Maryland Department of Health - Reimbursement for Services Provided by Certified Peer Recovery Specialists - Workgroup and Report (HB772/SB765)



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STATE

- Failures
 - Drug Cost Commission
 - RX Transparency Commission Bill (HB1194/SB1023)
 - Universal Health Care
 - Public Health - Healthy Maryland Program - Establishment (Healthy Maryland Act of 2018) (HB1620/SB976)
 - Medication Assisted Treatment in Prisons
 - Local Health Services Funding
 - Local Health Services Funding – Modifications (HB1620/SB976)



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LOCAL

- Health-care Facilities
 - Zoning - Use Regulation - Health-Care Clinics (Council Bill #18-0184)
- Equity
 - Equity Assessment Program (Council Bill #18-0223)
- Ryan White Appropriations
 - Several bills (Council Bills #18-0235 – 18-0237)



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Thank you for your time! Questions?

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