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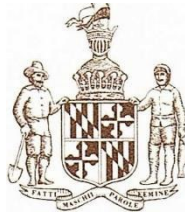
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**HB931- Health Care Facilities - Nursing Homes - Medical Director Requirements**

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Senator Beidle, Vice-chair Hayes, and Members of the Finance Committee,

**HB931** strengthens oversight and quality of care in Maryland nursing homes by requiring physicians serving as medical directors to hold or be actively pursuing a Certified Medical Director (CMD) credential or an equivalent certification approved by the Department of Health. The CMD certifies successful completion of training pertinent and necessary to best ensure consistent, high-quality medical leadership across facilities. The bill gives a physician serving as a medical director on or before September 30, 2026 four years to obtain the certification.

Additionally, **HB931** promotes transparency and accountability by directing the Maryland Department of Health to create and maintain a publicly accessible online directory of nursing home medical directors, including their credentials and certification status. This provision both supports more informed decision-making for patients and their families and reinforces professional accountability within long-term care settings.

**HB931** improves protections for vulnerable residents and promotes higher-quality care across Maryland's long-term care system by strengthening leadership qualifications, improving transparency, and supporting consistent standards in nursing home medical oversight. It passed the House unanimously **133-0**.

I urge a favorable report.

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