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**TO:** Senate Finance Committee  
**FROM:** LeadingAge Maryland  
**SUBJECT:** House Bill 931, Health Care Facilities - Nursing Homes - Medical Director Requirements  
**DATE:** March 25, 2026  
**POSITION:** Favorable

LeadingAge Maryland requests a favorable with amendment report for House Bill 931, Health Care Facilities - Nursing Homes - Medical Director Requirements.

LeadingAge Maryland is a community of more than 150 not-for-profit aging services organizations serving residents and clients through continuing care retirement communities, affordable senior housing, assisted living, nursing homes and home and community-based services. Members of LeadingAge Maryland provide health care, housing, and services to more than 20,000 older persons each year.

LeadingAge Maryland appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on House Bill 931, which proposes new requirements related to certification and appointment of nursing home medical directors. We strongly support the intent of this legislation — ensuring that medical directors are highly qualified, meaningfully engaged in their facilities, and actively contributing to quality clinical oversight in long-term care settings. Strong medical leadership is essential to resident safety, interdisciplinary collaboration, and continuous quality improvement.

We support the concept of medical director certification, including credentials such as the Certified Medical Director (CMD), which promote ongoing education, clinical excellence, and consistent standards for medical leadership. LeadingAge Maryland also agrees that medical directors should be appropriately engaged in the communities and facilities they serve to help elevate standards of care across Maryland.

LeadingAge Maryland fully supports the bill's intent to strengthen medical leadership and promote high-quality care. House Bill 931 balances quality goals with workforce realities and ensure continued access to strong clinical leadership across Maryland's diverse long-term care settings.

For these reasons, LeadingAge Maryland respectfully requests a favorable report for House Bill 931.