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Senate Finance Committee

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House Bill 931 – *Health Care Facilities – Nursing Homes – Medical Director Requirements*

**POSITION: SUPPORT**

On behalf of the LifeSpan Network, the largest and most diverse senior care provider association in Maryland, representing nursing facilities, assisted living providers, continuing care retirement communities, medical adult day care centers, senior housing communities, and other home and community-based services, we support **(as amended)** House Bill 931.

Current law requires each nursing facility to designate a physician as its medical director. This bill places in statute the requirement that a physician, designated as a medical director on or before September 30, 2026, must obtain a “medical director certification” by September 30, 2030. The Maryland Department of Health may grant a physician a time-limited extension to obtain a medical director certification upon a showing of good cause. Each nursing home must publish on its website the name of each medical director, the professional credentials, and the certification status.

House Bill 931 will ensure that nursing home medical directors meet nationally recognized standards and strengthen clinical oversight and accountability to improve patient safety and quality of care. LifeSpan urges a favorable vote.

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