



SB0240: Office of Health Care Quality Stakeholder Advisory Council -  
Establishment

February 3, 2026

Position: Support

The Arc Maryland is a statewide training, support, and advocacy organization that is dedicated to advancing and preserving the rights and quality of life of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We support SB0240 which would create a Stakeholder Advisory Council for OHCQ (The Office of Health Care Quality) with a diverse membership of stakeholders charged reviewing performance and providing constructive feedback to the agency as a very important part of healthcare quality oversight.

The Council created through this legislation will serve in a non-regulatory capacity, meeting virtually with OHCQ leadership twice a year, with each member serving two-year terms. Council membership will include representatives the Department of Health and the Legislature, and also representatives from hospital and nursing home workforces, nursing home residents, family members, related Professional Associations, and disability rights representatives.

A Stakeholders Advisory Council for OHCQ will help to restore trust in a vitally important state health care agency, provide constructive criticism, increase engagement and transparency, and provide diverse stakeholder perspectives to improve the quality of care in our state.

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