

# **LeadingAge Maryland - 2026 - HB 931 - Nursing Home**

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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.

# **HB0931 - Senate\_FAV\_Lifespan\_Health Care Fac. - NH**

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Senate Finance Committee

March 25, 2026

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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# **HB931\_MMDA\_FAV**

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March 23, 2026

Maryland General Assembly  
Legislative Services Building  
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Senate Finance Committee  
Re: House Bill 0931 – Nursing Homes – Medical Directors – Requirements  
Position: Support with Amendment  
Hearing Date: March 25, 2026

**Chair Beidle, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 0931.

We are writing in support of HB 0931 and its goal of strengthening clinical leadership and accountability in Maryland's nursing homes.

**Support for Certification and Transparency**

HB 0931 takes important steps to improve quality in nursing homes by requiring designated medical directors to hold an approved medical director certification or be actively working toward such certification. Nursing home residents are among the most medically complex and vulnerable individuals in our health care system. Ensuring that medical directors have specialized training and expertise in post-acute and long-term care medicine will help improve quality oversight, regulatory compliance, and resident outcomes.

Additionally, the bill's requirement that the Maryland Department of Health maintain visibility of nursing home medical directors promotes transparency and accountability. Families, residents, and stakeholders deserve to know who is responsible for clinical leadership within their facilities. Public access to this information strengthens trust in the system.

We respectfully urge the Committee to support HB 0931. This bill would meaningfully strengthen nursing home clinical leadership without creating unintended workforce challenges.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Yours Truly,

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# **HB0931 crossover bill - FAV - Nursing Homes - Medi**

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**TESTIMONY ON CROSSOVER BILL HB#0931- POSITION: FAVORABLE**

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

**TO:** Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and members of the Finance Committee

**FROM:** Richard Keith Kaplowitz

My name is Richard Keith Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of crossover bill HB#0931, **Health Care Facilities - Nursing Homes - Medical Director Requirements**

This bill is personal to me. My late son was in a long-term care facility for a number of years from 2019 – 2023. When the original control of that facility was passed to a new corporate owner the new and current Executive Director lists on her LinkedIn profile a specialization in social work, not a medical degree. Our problems in the quality of his care we were forced to advocate to nursing and social services in the facility with limited interaction with medical doctors involved in his care. The Executive Director had a mostly hands-off approach when I spoke to her about the level of care he was receiving rather than treating medical issues herself and then referring me to others on the staff.

This bill combats this cavalier treatment of patient's medical issues by requiring a physician, in order to be designated as a medical director of a nursing home, to hold a certain medical director certification or be making active progress toward obtaining the certification; prohibiting a physician from being a designated medical director at more than two licensed nursing homes; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish and maintain an online directory of nursing home medical directors.

Long-term care facilities should, in my opinion, always have a Medical Director available to deal with patient needs and patient care.

**I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on crossover bill HB#0931.**

# **HB931 Senate Sponsor Testimony - Nursing Homes Med**

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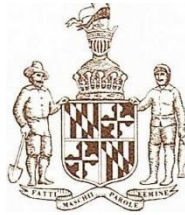
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**HB931- Health Care Facilities - Nursing Homes - Medical Director Requirements**

March 25, 2026

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.

*Terri L. Hill, M.D.*