



2026 SESSION
POSITION PAPER

BILL NUMBER: HB 1372

COMMITTEE: House Health

POSITION: Support

TITLE: Public Health - Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission

BILL ANALYSIS

HB 1372 – Public Health - Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission requires the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC), in collaboration with the Office of Health Care Quality within the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a process to receive and publish specific inspection information on its designated website. The bill also requires the establishment of the Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission to provide advice and recommendations regarding the relationship between the Department and the health occupations boards and that the Secretary of Information Technology ensure that all health occupations boards meet minimum cybersecurity requirements.

POSITION AND RATIONALE

The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) supports *HB 1372* in particular the provisions that require MHCC to collaborate with the Office of Health Care Quality to develop a process to receive and publish information on our Maryland Quality Website information related to (1) the date of the office’s most recent inspection; and (2) any associated ratings or other quality metrics calculated by the office based on the most recent inspection. The Maryland Quality Reporting website provides Marylanders access to health care quality and cost information for nursing homes, hospitals, commercial health plans, outpatient surgery centers and many other health care settings all in one, easy-to-access, convenient location. Having this additional information provides Marylanders with concrete information and more transparency on the quality of services regulated in Maryland under the Office of Health Care Quality.

We support the Department’s amendment to remove the requirement to provide the date of their next inspections and timeframes as this is not public information.

For these reasons noted above we ask for a favorable report on HB 1372.