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House Health Committee

February 5, 2026

House Bill 215 – *Continuing Care Providers – Financial Stress Tests, Transparency, and
Governing Bodies*

POSITION: OPPOSE

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 **respectfully oppose** House Bill 215. House Bill 215 establishes an unworkable, duplicative regulatory framework and potentially could limit information to residents.

First, regarding the financial stress test requirement, House Bill 215 requires the Department of Aging to hire two analysts to review financial information from continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs) for a “financial stress test” and to provide reports to the Department. The Department’s Financial Review Committee shall assign a grade to indicate the CCRC’s financial stability, and the grade must be posted on the Department’s website. Each CCRC, as part of its annual registration renewal, must submit detailed financial information to the Department.¹ As is implied in the bill, the Department already has an established Financial Review Committee that reviews CCRCs’ financial matters referred to it by the Department. Following the Financial Review Committee’s review and recommendations, if a CCRC is determined to be in financial difficulty, the Committee undertakes a comprehensive process, including implementing a financial corrective plan. Therefore, given that this process is already in place, the requirements in the bill are unnecessary.

Second, the changes to the requirement that the CCRC meet with residents seem to reduce transparency and communication rather than increase them. During the 2024 Session, House Bill 68 (Chapter 258) changed the requirement from the CCRC meeting annually with residents to quarterly meetings with all residents.² However, rather than requiring a quarterly meeting with all residents, House Bill 215 limits the requirement to meet with the residents’ association quarterly. The CCRC can then determine whether to open two of the meetings to all residents. It is unclear what the purpose of altering the requirement to only meet with the residents’ association is. For this reason, and given that the change to quarterly meetings took effect about one year ago, we urge rejection of this provision.

Lastly, during the 2025 Session, LifeSpan, in good faith, reached consensus on House Bill 938 (Chapter 331), which modified the role of residents on the governing board. This continued the

¹ [Pages - 32.02.01.13.aspx](#)

² [2024 Regular Session - House Bill 68 Chapter](#)

work from the 2024 Session on House Bill 68. Therefore, since the changes required by House Bill 938 took effect on January 1, 2026, we respectfully ask the Committee to allow time for those changes to be fully implemented before making any additional adjustments.

Therefore, we respectfully request that the Committee vote unfavorably on House Bill 215 for the reasons outlined above.

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