



House Health Committee

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House Bill 944 – *Maryland Health Care Commission – Certificates of Need and Material Change Transactions*

**LETTER OF INFORMATION**

On behalf of the LifeSpan Network and the Maryland-National Capital Homecare Association, we respectfully submit a letter of information on House Bill 944. House Bill 944 would expand the scope of the Maryland Health Care Commission’s authority to approve, deny, or approve with conditions a material change transaction.

While we understand that the bill includes provisions stating that it does not apply to the acquisition of a nursing home or to those that would require a certificate of need, the bill’s broad definition of “material change transaction” makes it difficult to determine if any transactions would be subject to review. We believe that, given the broad nature of this new authority, additional discussions are necessary. We encourage the Maryland Health Care Commission to convene a stakeholder group over the interim to fully discuss this proposal, which has typically been the process undertaken on similar issues.

For these reasons, we urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 944 and request that a stakeholder group be formed over the interim.

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