



**Maryland Developmental
Disabilities Council**
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House Health Committee

**HB 1434: Maryland Department of Health – Caregiver Resource Webpage -
Establishment
March 10, 2026**

Position: Letter of Information

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council (Council) and The Arc Maryland are statewide organizations that work to protect and advance the rights and quality of life of people with disabilities and their families. As such, we acknowledge the hardship caregivers face in searching for information across multiple platforms, but we are not taking a position on the necessity of HB 1434.

WHAT does this bill do?

- Requires the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to develop and maintain a webpage with resources for caregivers of children, adults, and older adults in Maryland.
- Requires the webpage to include easily accessible information in plain language to support all types of caregivers at different stages of caregiving.

Maryland already offers a variety of resources for family caregivers, including programs through the Maryland Department of Aging, the Maryland Department of Disabilities, the Maryland Department of Human Services, the Maryland Department of Health, and local agencies. These resources include training materials, respite care programs, financial guidance, and community support information.

We understand that families of people with disabilities, chronic illnesses, and other specific healthcare needs have significant responsibilities that may differ from typical caregiving responsibilities. Information and resources specific to those additional responsibilities – available in a central location – increases easy access, decreases time spent searching, and reduces confusion and frustration. At the same time, consideration should be given to the limited resources of state agencies, and whether consolidating existing information warrants additional expenditures.

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