



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

**Memorandum**

**To:** Members of the AELR Committee  
Standing Committee Chairs

**From:** Georgeanne Carter, AELR Committee Counsel  
Kathleen P. Kennedy, AELR Committee Counsel  
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**Date:** January 30, 2026

**Re:** **Synopses of Regulations received from 1/16/2026 through 1/29/2026**

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Enclosed please find synopses of regulations received by the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR) during the weeks noted above.

The Office of Policy Analysis prepares analyses of the regulations to determine if there are any problem areas, to ensure that the regulations comply with statutory authority and legislative intent, and to assess the fiscal impact of the regulations. If any regulation is of particular interest to you, please feel free to contact us at 410-946-5350 and we will supply you with a copy of the regulation along with the legal and fiscal analysis.

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**Natural Resources, Department of**

**Proposed Regulation**

**DLS Control No. 26-008**

**Department of Natural Resources: Boating:  
Boat Dealer License:** COMAR 08.04.09.01

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to update the annual license fee for a boat dealer. The proposed action increases the fee from \$25 to \$50. During the 2025 Maryland Legislative Session, the General Assembly passed House Bill 719. The bill was signed by Governor Moore, became effective October 1, 2025 (2025 Md. Laws, Chap. 433), and requires the Department to set the license fee at an amount not to exceed \$50. The increase in the fee reflects the increasing costs for the Department to do business.

**Maryland Department of Health**

**Proposed Regulations**

**DLS Control No. 26-006**

**Maryland Department of Health: Board of Nursing:  
Examination and Licensure:** COMAR 10.27.01.01, .05, and .10

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to (1) align the Board's English Language Proficiency (ELP) requirements with the examinations recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; (2) prohibit a health occupations board from requiring an applicant to provide additional evidence of English proficiency if the individual holds a valid, unrestricted license, certification, or registration from another state that requires such evidence for licensure, certification, or registration; and (3) establish an alternative pathway for endorsement applicants applying for registered nurse licensure; pursuant to House Bill 19/Chapter 416 of 2025, Health Occupations - Nursing - Loan Repayment, Education, and Sunset Extension (Building Opportunities for Nurses Act of 2025), and Senate Bill 72/Chapter 732 of 2025, Health Occupations Boards – English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing.

**Proposed Regulations**

**DLS Control No. 26-009**

**Maryland Department of Health: Board of Nursing - Certified Nursing Assistants:  
[Medication Technicians – Vacant] Certified Dialysis Technicians:  
COMAR 10.39.06.08 and .10**

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to make slight alterations relating to requirements for continuing education for certified dialysis technicians, and clarify the continuing education course approval process, ensuring proper training for applicants seeking certification under these regulations.

**Proposed Regulations**

**DLS Control No. 26-011**

**Maryland Department of Health: Fiscal:**

**Local Health Services Funding:** COMAR 10.04.01.01 and .04

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to (1) clarify the scope of this chapter relating to the annual appropriation for local health services which is based on the annual formula adjustment in accordance with Health-General Article, §2-302(b), Annotated Code of Maryland; and (2) amend the current requirement for local matching funds, effective for Fiscal Year 2027, pursuant to the 2024 Joint Chairmen's Report.

This proposal caps the local share match requirement to the annual formula adjustment plus 10 percent of the prior year's local share match requirement. This proposal also gives the Secretary of Health the authority to approve requests for one-time reductions in the local share match requirements beyond this recommended cap to allow for additional time to adjust to large increases in their individual requirement.

**Proposed Regulations**

**DLS Control No. 26-013**

**Maryland Department of Health: Medical Care Programs:**

**Freestanding Clinics:** COMAR 10.09.08.01

**Residential Treatment Center Services:** COMAR 10.09.29.01 and .04

**Mental Health Case Management:** COMAR 10.09.45.02 – .04 and .08

**Specialty Mental Health Services:** COMAR 10.09.59.05 and .06

**Mental Health Case Management:**

**Care Coordination for Children and Youth:** COMAR 10.09.90.17

**Maryland HealthChoice Program:**

**Non-Capitated Covered Services:** COMAR 10.67.08.02

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to (1) update the list of carved-out behavioral health diagnosis codes to reflect the addition of new International Classification of Disease, 10th Revision (ICD-10) diagnosis codes; (2) correct an ICD-10 diagnosis code; (3) clarify Managed Care Organization responsibility for substance use disorder services in a hospital setting; (4) update the practitioner requirements for practitioners prescribing buprenorphine per the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023; (5) align the references to the COMAR 10.67.08.02 eligible diagnosis codes where applicable in 10.09.59, 10.09.29, 10.09.90, 10.09.45, and 10.09.08; and (6) remove and replace the term "mental hygiene" from COMAR 10.09.45 in accordance with SB163 (2025) Health – General Article – References to Mental Health.

**Proposed Regulations**

**DLS Control No. 26-014**

**Maryland Department of Health: Medical Care Programs:**

**Mental Health Case Management: Care Coordination for Children and Youth:**

COMAR 10.09.90.02, .07, .08, .11, and .13

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to (1) include the definition of a Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA); (2) update the participant eligibility for Targeted Case Management (TCM) Level III to align with the updated 1915(i) eligibility criteria; (3) extend the timeframe for Child and Family Team (CFT) meetings from 45 days to at least every 60 days; (4) extend the re-evaluation of the Plan of Care (POC) for TCM Level III from 45 days to at least every 60 days; (5) increase the length of time to update the POC after the CFT meeting from 5 days to 10 days; and (6) align criminal background check policy with the policy for other behavioral health providers set forth in COMAR 10.63.01.05C.

**Emergency/Proposed Regulations**

**DLS Control No. 26-015**

**Maryland Department of Health: Board of Nursing - Certified Nursing Assistants:**

**Certification of Nursing Assistants:** COMAR 10.39.01.01 – .09

**Nursing Assistant Training Programs:** COMAR 10.39.02.01 – .11

**Certified Medicine Aides:** COMAR 10.39.03.01 and .02

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to alter the designation of and licensure requirements for a certified nursing assistant (CNA), creating new designations of “certified nursing assistant-I” (CNA-I) and “certified nursing assistant-II” (CNA-II), pursuant to HB 1125, Certified Nursing Assistants – Licensing Requirements and Administrative Updates, 2024, Ch. 818; SB 999, Certified Nursing Assistants – Licensing Requirements and Administrative Updates, 2024, Ch. 819; and HB 19, Health Occupations – Nursing – Loan Repayment, Education, and Sunset Extension (Building Opportunities for Nurses Act of 2025), 2025, Ch. 416.

**Education, State Board of**

**Proposed Regulations**

**DLS Control No. 26-012**

**State Board of Education: Local School Administration:**

**Maryland Public Charter School Program:** COMAR 13A.02.10.01 – .15

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to create a framework for the operation of public charter schools within Maryland local education agencies (LEAs) and establish a funding formula for public charter schools.

**Ethics Commission, State**

**Proposed Regulations**

**DLS Control No. 26-016**

**State Ethics Commission: Blind Trusts:**

**General Provisions:** COMAR 19A.06.01.01 and .02

**Criteria for Certification and Exception:** COMAR 19A.06.02.01

**Procedural Requirements:** COMAR 19A.06.03.01

**Governor's Blind Trust:** COMAR 19A.06.04.01 – .08

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to conform to requirements concerning the Governor's Blind Trust detailed in HB0932T passed in 2025.