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JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Memorandum

To: Members of the AELR Committee
Standing Committee Chairs

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Date: June 5, 2026

Re: **Synopses of Regulations received from 5/26/2026 through 6/4/2026**

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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Budget and Management, Department of

Emergency/Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-080

Department of Budget and Management: Personnel Services and Benefits:

Leave: COMAR 17.04.11.31

According to the department, this regulation adds provisions that mandate eligibility of individuals with an approved parental leave absence to request leave under the Paid Family Medical Leave program (PFML) and establish a process and time frame for transferring approvals of parental leave absences to the PFML program.

Public Safety and Correctional Services, Department of

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-093

Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services:

Police Training Commission:

Special Police Officer and Security Guard Training: COMAR 12.04.12.01 – .09

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to establish requirements for the approval, facilitation, and oversight of special police officer and security guard training providers and training courses. This new chapter implements unique agency identifiers, introduces a uniform vetting and verification process for training providers, and mandates course alignment with Commission-developed training objectives. To ensure instructional integrity and professional competency within the State, these regulations outline physical location requirements for providers operating within Maryland and prohibit the utilization of asynchronous e-learning.

Criminal Sentencing Policy, Commission on

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-094

Independent Agencies: Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy:

General Regulations: COMAR 14.22.01.07, .09, and .11

According to the commission, the purpose of this action is to modify Regulation .07 under COMAR 14.22.01 General Regulations to remove select fields from the sentencing guidelines worksheet that lack direct utility to the sentencing guidelines.

Additionally, the purpose of this action is to modify Regulation .09 under COMAR 14.22.01 General Regulations to expand the definition of physical victim injury (part C

of the offense score) and to include examples of minor, non-permanent, and permanent injuries. The proposed revisions to Regulation .09 also reorganize the instructions for scoring victim injury.

Lastly, the purpose of this action is to modify Regulation .10 under COMAR 14.22.01 General Regulations to clarify that an individual is not involved with the criminal justice system for the purposes of calculating the offender score if the individual's only involvement is to comply with the ongoing reporting requirements associated with sex offender registration in the State or elsewhere. To note, this is not a new guidelines rule. The proposed language is being added to provide clarity to practitioners.

Proposed Regulation

DLS Control No. 26-090

Independent Agencies: Prescription Drug Affordability Board:

Upper Payment Limit: COMAR 14.01.07.02

According to the board, the purpose of this action is to propose a new regulation under COMAR 14.01.07. to (1) establish an upper payment limit (UPL) for Jardiance through regulation; and (2) provide for inflation adjustment of the UPL on an annual basis.

Maryland Department of Health

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-088

Maryland Department of Health: Maryland Health Care Commission:

Maryland Medical Care Data Base and Data Collection:

COMAR 10.25.06.02 and .05

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to amend Regulations .02 and .05 under COMAR 10.25.06 Maryland Medical Care Data Base and Data Collection, which govern the submission of healthcare data (claims, encounters, and eligibility) by payors to the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC). The amended regulations will allow the Commission to collect health care data for all services that are not covered (i.e. denied services). Data in the Maryland Medical Care Data Base (MCDB) is useful but there is work to be done to make the data more complete. Ongoing adverse decisions discussions with the Maryland Insurance Administration, Health Services Cost Review Commission, Maryland Department of Health, Prescription Drug Affordability Board, Maryland Health Benefits Exchange (MHBE) and the Health Education and Advocacy Unit revealed that all data collected by state agency partners related to utilization management are in larger, broad categories such as Durable Medical Equipment (DME), laboratory, radiology, pharmacy, and mental health services, but not at specific health services such as "continuous glucose monitor" and this data is only limited to the fully insured market. The state does not know the service-level information regarding denials and why. MHCC recommends that collecting denied claims across all payors and risk types (fully insured and self-insured) will give insights to the state regarding what health care services are being denied through utilization management procedures. Based on feedback from health insurers, MHCC has changed its

definition of denied claims from a specified one to a definition that collects all denials for any reason. This change is both more comprehensive and reduces administrative burden for health insurers.

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-091

Maryland Department of Health: Laboratories:

Medical Laboratories - Testing for Hereditary and Congenital Disorders in

Newborn Infants: COMAR 10.10.13.12

Preventive Medicine: Newborn Screening: COMAR 10.52.12.05

According to the department, the purpose of this action is to add Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD) and Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) to the Maryland Newborn Screening Panel as recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Recommended Uniform Screening Panel (RUSP). Implementation of testing for MLD and DMD is also required by House Bill 96 (Chapter 177 of 2024) and Senate Bill 117 (Chapter 178 of 2024). Testing for MLD and DMD will assist with early diagnosis and allow for treatment to manage symptoms, slow progression, and improve outcomes for these rare diseases.

Insurance Administration, Maryland

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-092

Maryland Insurance Administration: Health Insurance - General:

Provider Directory Requirements: COMAR 31.10.52.01 – .07

According to the administration, the purpose of this action is to provide minimum standards for insurance carriers to conduct a periodic review of at least a reasonable sample size of its network directory for accuracy.

Public Service Commission

Proposed Regulations

DLS Control No. 26-089

Public Service Commission: Large Load Customers:

Large Load Study and Tariff Requirements: COMAR 20.96.01.01 – .08

According to the commission, according to the commission, the purpose of this action is to implement §4-212(f) of the Public Utilities Article.