

UPDATES

General Assembly

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HEALTH RESOURCES BOARD (HRB)

- HRB under Sunset review since 2019
- June 6, 2022, Joint Legislative Oversight Sunset Committee (JLOSC) Adopted 5 Recommendations
- **House Bill (HB) 394** introduced May 14, 2024
 - Sponsor: Representative Sherry Dorsey Walker
- Status of HB 394:
 - May 21, 2024 - Reported out of House Sunset Committee
 - May 22, 2024 - Assigned to House Appropriations Committee
 - No further action taken



DELAWARE INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (DIMER)

- **House Bill (HB) 432** introduced June 6, 2024
 - Sponsor: Representative Melissa Minor-Brown, House Majority Leader
 - House Amendment I attached to HB 432 on June 20, 2024 (adds an at-large member, who is a resident of Sussex County and who represents Federally Qualified Health Centers)
- Bill Summary
 1. Updates the name of the Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University to “Sidney Kimmel Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University”
 2. Adds the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine as a DIMER medical school



DELAWARE INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (DIMER) - UPDATE

3. Alters and updates the composition of the DIMER Board -- all members will be appointed by the Governor.
4. Clarifies a vacant Board position is not counted for quorum purposes.
5. Requires Board Chair to be elected from the members of the Board, rather than appointed by the Chair of the Delaware Health Care Commission.
6. Requires Board to select candidates for the Chair and Vice Chair from a nominating committee determined by the Board.
7. Board Chair and Vice Chair shall serve no more than 3 consecutive terms.
8. Board members shall receive annual training on the importance of diversity in healthcare and how diversity in the medical field reduces health care disparities, optimizes care delivery, and increases access to care.



DELAWARE INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH (DIMER)

- Status of HB 432 with HA I:
 - Passed by House on June 20, 2024
 - Passed by Senate on June 30, 2024
 - Awaiting action by the Governor



DIAMOND STATE HOSPITAL COST REVIEW BOARD

- House Substitute 2 for House Bill 350 with House Amendment I and Senate Amendment I
- Sponsor: Representative Valerie Longhurst, Speaker of the House
- Signed by the Governor on June 13, 2024
- The bill establishes a hospital cost review board, housed within the DHCC, to review and approve hospital budgets and financial information, as well as working with health systems to set and meet annual growth targets.



PROVIDER ASSESSMENT

- Senate Substitute I for Senate Bill 13 with House Amendment I
- Sponsor: Senator Sarah McBride
- Passed June 30, 2024
- Awaiting action by the Governor
- The bill would levy a 3.58% assessment on net patient revenues from Delaware's acute-care and behavioral health hospitals, allowing the state to draw additional federal match.



END OF LIFE OPTIONS

- House Bill 140
- Sponsor: Representative Paul Baumbach
- Passed June 25, 2024
- Awaiting action by the Governor
- Allows adult Delaware residents who are terminally ill to self-administer medication to end their life.



MEDICAID AND PRIVATE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY AND DOULA SERVICES

Coverage for Termination of Pregnancy

- House Substitute 2 with for House Bill 110
- Sponsor: Representative Melissa Minor-Brown, House Majority Leader
- Passed June 25, 2024
- Awaiting action by the Governor

Doula Services

- House Bill 80
- Sponsor: Representative Melissa Minor-Brown, House Majority Leader
- Passed June 29, 2023
- Signed by Governor August 9, 2023



MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR ALL DELAWARE CHILDREN

- House Bill 150 “Cover All Delaware Children Act”
- Sponsor: Representative Krista Griffith
- Introduced May 10, 2023
- Reported out of House Health and Human Development Committee on May 16, 2023
- Assigned to House Appropriation on May 18, 2023
- No further action taken
- Creates a limited medical assistance program to provide medical care for Delaware children unable to receive Medicaid or CHIP benefits.

