

POLICY DEVELOPMENT

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Insurance and Medicaid

HB 80

Requires doula services be covered by Medicaid

HB 110

Requires that all insurance policies, Medicaid, and the state employee plan, include coverage of services related to the termination of pregnancy.

HB 60

Requires that all insurance policies, Medicaid, and the state employee plan, include coverage of supplemental and diagnostic breast examinations.

SB 31

Closes a loophole that allowed group and blanket health plans to apply cost sharing for chronic care management.



Medical Debt

SB 80

Protects patients from unfair debt collection practices for medical debt, including prohibiting large health care facilities from charging interest and late fees, requiring facilities to offer reasonable payment plans, limiting the sale of debt to debt collectors unless an agreement is made to keep protections in place, providing minimum time before certain collections actions may be taken, limiting liability for the medical debt of others, and preventing the reporting of medical debt to consumer credit reporting agencies for at least one year after the debt was incurred.

HB 90

Requires large health-care facilities to provide information to uninsured patients regarding eligibility and the application process for medical assistance. Information must be provided at the time of service or prior to discharge, and again with each billing statement.



Substance Use and Mental Health

SB 52

Transitions Delaware's needle exchange program to needs based.

HB 114

Institutes a voluntary certification process for recovery residences, establishes residence rights, and training and technical assistance for recovery residence operators and staff.

DSAMH

Removes language related to involuntary sterilization.

Loan Repayment

Adding mental health providers (and dentists) to the loan repayment program.

HB 1

Removes all penalties for use or possession of a personal use quantity of marijuana and marijuana accessories.

HB 2

Delaware Marijuana Control Act regulates and taxes marijuana for recreational use in much the same manner as alcohol. It creates a framework for production, manufacture, and sale in a legal recreational marijuana industry.



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