



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

2016 Legislative Session DCH Related Legislation



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Mission

The mission of the Department of Community Health is to provide access to affordable, quality health care to Georgians through effective planning, purchasing, and oversight.

We are dedicated to A Healthy Georgia.

DCH Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **Agency-wide Related Legislation**
 - **HB 676** (Accountability, Change Management, and Process Improvement Act of 2016)
 - **HB 916** (“The Pharmacy Audit Bill of Rights”; certain audits conducted by the Department of Community Health; remove exception; provisions)



DCH Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **Healthcare Facility Regulation Related Legislation**
 - **HB 902** (Hospitals and related institutions; educational information on influenza disease to residents of assisted living communities; provide)
 - **HB 920** (Health; hospitals and related institutions; restrict civil actions against passive investors in nursing homes and intermediate care homes)
 - **HB 1037** (Community Health, Department of; certified nurse aide registry to nurse aides who provide services in private residences; expand)



DCH Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **Healthcare Facility Regulation Related Legislation Cont.**
 - **SB 402** (Drug Abuse Treatment and Education Programs; provide for a moratorium on the issuance of new licenses to narcotic treatment programs)



DCH Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **Medicaid Related Legislation**
 - **HB 509** (Georgia Palliative Care and Quality of Life Advisory Council; create; provisions)
 - **HB 649** (Georgia Lactation Consultant Practice Act)
 - **HB 768** (ABLE Act)



DCH Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **Medicaid Related Legislation Cont.**
 - **HB 962** (Human Services, Department of; creation, appointment, removal, and duties of a kinship care enforcement administrator)
 - **HB 1085** (Social services; aging; transfer oversight of such services to the Department of Community Health)
 - **SB 319** (Professional Counseling; revise the definition)



DCH Related Legislation: Departmental Impact

- **State Office of Rural Health Related Legislation**
 - **SB 258** (Ad Valorem Tax; provide the assessed value of property shall not be increased beyond the initial assessment value)



Next Steps

- **Continue conducting a legal and programmatic analysis to determine the full impact of the legislation**
- **Develop and rollout any policy and practice changes to meet new requirements (pending Governor signature)**

