

2008 Legislation Enacted Relating to the HSCRC

The provisions of state law that pertain the Health Services Cost Review Commission can be found in Section 19-201 through 19-227 of the Health-General Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland. Each section can be accessed through the following link:

<http://www.michie.com/maryland/lpext.dll?f=templates&fn=main-h.htm&2.0>

Legislation proposed during the 2008 Legislative Session relating to the Commission may be found at the following Maryland General Assembly link:

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2008rs/subjects/healthscrc.htm>

This page includes a summary of most recent legislation effecting the commission and reports submitted pursuant to legislative mandates.

House Bill 1587 (Chapter 245) and Senate Bill 974 (Chapter 244) Health Services Cost Review Commission - Averted Uncompensated Care - Assessment

This bill repeals provisions relating to the assessment of hospital uncompensated care savings to finance health care expansion efforts under Chapter 7 of the 2007 Special Session, and the current hospital assessment that funds the Maryland Health Insurance Plan. The bill instead requires the Health Services Cost Review Commission to annually assess an amount in hospital rates to reflect the aggregate reduction in hospital uncompensated care from the expansion of health care coverage under Chapter 7; and operate and administer MHIP. The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2008rs/billfile/hb1587.htm>

Senate Bill 946 (Chapter 641) Hospital Regulation and Financing - Maryland Hospital Bond Program and User Fees of the Health Services Cost Review Commission

This bill expands requirements for payment and refinancing of public obligation bonds under the Maryland Hospital Bond Program; clarifies the Health Services Cost Review Commission's authority to assess a fee on all regulated hospitals to finance the program; and repeals the prohibition against the annual percentage increase in HSCRC user fees exceeding the annual update factor provided to hospitals for the same fiscal year.

<http://mlis.state.md.us/2008rs/billfile/sb0946.htm>