

Bill No. 1-11
Concerning: Administration –
Department of Health and Human
Services – Duties
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COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Councilmembers Leventhal, Navarro, and Rice

AN ACT to:

- (1) authorize the Department of Health and Human Services to provide direct access to health care;
- (2) authorize the Department to administer programs to reduce disparities in access to health care, preventative health services, and human services;
- (3) authorize the Department to provide health education and promotion programs;
- (4) amend the functions of the Commission on Health; and
- (5) generally amend the law regarding health and human services and health and sanitation.

By amending

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 2, Administration
Section 2-42A

Chapter 24, Health and Sanitation
Sections 24-22 and 24-24

Boldface	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:

1 **Sec. 1. Sections 2-42A, 24-22, and 24-24 are amended as follows:**

2 **Division 7A. Department of Health and Human Services.**

3 **2-42A. Functions, powers, and duties.**

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5 (c) *Powers of the Department.* The Department may:

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7 (4) collect data on the health status of County residents, including
8 health disparities and inequities, and on the need for services and
9 the effectiveness of programs;

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11 (15) conduct studies and investigations; [and]

12 (16) provide direct access to health care;

13 (17) administer programs to reduce disparities in access to health care,
14 preventive health services, and human services based on gender,
15 race, ethnicity, and poverty;

16 (18) provide health education and promotion programs; and

17 (19) carry out any other functions that are necessary to achieve the
18 purposes of this Section.

19 (d) *Duties of the Department.*

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21 (3) The Department provides staff support to [the]:

22 (A) the Commission on Children and Youth;

23 (B) the Commission on Aging;

24 (C) the Community Action Committee;

25 (D) the Commission on Child Care;

26 (E) the Commission on People with Disabilities;

27 (F) the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council.

- 28 (G) the Mental Health Advisory Council.
- 29 (H) the Juvenile Court Committee;
- 30 (I) the Commission on Health;
- 31 (J) the Board of Social Services;
- 32 (K) the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board; [and]
- 33 (L) the Victim Services Advisory Board;
- 34 (M) the Advisory Board for the Montgomery Cares Program;
- 35 and
- 36 (N) any program created to achieve health equity among
- 37 County residents.

38 **24-22. Policy.**

39 (a) It is the policy of Montgomery County to protect and promote the
 40 public health and safety and general welfare by fostering the
 41 development of a health care system that provides [[for all citizens,]]
 42 financial and geographic access to quality culturally and linguistically
 43 competent health care at a reasonable cost for all County residents. To
 44 accomplish this purpose, it is essential that plans for maintaining the
 45 health of [[the citizenry]] County residents and developing health
 46 services to meet the current and future health needs of [[the citizens of
 47 the county]] County residents be prepared, programs to implement these
 48 plans be developed and executed, and proposed developments or
 49 alterations of health services be publicly reviewed and commented
 50 [[upon]] on. Health planning should address the overall health status of
 51 County residents, [[and]] health disparities within social, economic,
 52 geographic, racial and ethnic groups, and the effects of social
 53 determinants of health on County residents.

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55 **24-24. Functions.**

56 (a) To advise the County Executive and the County Council, the
57 Commission must:

58 (1) Periodically review available County public health programs,
59 services, and facilities and data on the health status of the County
60 population and subgroups within it;

61 (2) Comment on gaps, deficiencies, or duplication in County public
62 health programs, services, and facilities, including health status
63 disparities and inequities;

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65 (5) Advise on local public health planning needs based on health
66 status data;

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68 *Approved:*

69 Valerie Ervin
Valerie Ervin, President, County Council

3/2/2011
Date

70 *Approved:*

71 Isiah Leggett
Isiah Leggett, County Executive

3/10/11
Date

72 *This is a correct copy of Council action.*

73 Linda M. Lauer
Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

3/11/11
Date