

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

<b>Boldface</b>	<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:*



- 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 3/2/2011  
Valerie Ervin, President, County Council Date

70 *Approved:*

71 \_\_\_\_\_  
Isiah Leggett, County Executive Date

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

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Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council Date