



2023 Legislative Priorities

1. [SB 181/HB 200](#), **Full funding for the Prescription Drug Affordability Board** (budget bills).
2. [SB 601/HB 814](#), **Health care subsidies for young adults**. In 2021 Senator Brian Feldman and Delegate Ken Kerr sponsored a subsidies law which invested \$20 million per year for two years to help lower-income young adults ages 18-34 purchase health coverage. In 2023 they are taking the lead to make those subsidies permanent.
3. [SB 59/HB 107](#), **Outreach for small employers about health coverage**. Senator Katie Fry Hester and Delegate Robbyn Lewis introduced legislation to appropriate \$5 million per year for five years to the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to do outreach to help small businesses get their employees enrolled in health care plans.
4. [SB 365/HB 588](#) and [SB 806/HB 363](#), **Expansion of health coverage regardless of immigration status**. Senator Clarence Lam and Delegate Bonnie Cullison introduced the Access to Care Act to allow people to purchase health coverage from the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange regardless of immigration status. Senator Shelly Hettleman and Delegate Bonnie Cullison introduced a second bill to study how to make coverage affordable by expanding Medicaid and CHIP coverage to all income-eligible Marylanders and expanding subsidies in the individual market. We thank CASA de Maryland for their great work in leading the way on these critical public health measures.
5. [SB 26/HB 111](#), **Enroll SNAP recipients into Medicaid**. Senator Malcolm Augustine and Delegate Lorig Charkoudian have put in legislation to automatically enroll recipients of SNAP into Medicaid who are eligible but not yet enrolled.

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