Government can enhance access to the highest quality healthcare services through practical policy measures and adequate funding, by ensuring that healthcare modernization facilitates collaboration among all participants and patients in the health care delivery system, and by fully acknowledging the impact of social determinants on outcomes and total cost of care.

Ensure the Ability of Health Systems and Physicians to Provide our Patients and Communities Access to the Highest Quality Healthcare Services.

**Population Health.** Continue to modernize healthcare delivery under the new Maryland Model, facilitating community-oriented population health programming, and eliminating the Medicaid assessment and modernizing Medicaid. Secure support for LifeBridge Health models such as hospital and skilled nursing facility collaboratives, community paramedicine, violence prevention, diabetes medical home, and opioid-free pain management protocols.

**Medical Liability.** Enact practical liability-related initiatives, including strengthening legal standard for testimony to support life care plan projections; investment in judicial education to maximize judicial efficiency; minimizing abusive forum shopping; preserving the cap on noneconomic damages, and ensuring adequate recovery for patients by addressing rising payouts to attorneys.

**Behavioral Health.** Ensure continuity of care and enhanced capacity for persons with behavioral health needs. Expand access to Medication-Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder and secure support for non-opioid and non-medication pain management modalities.

**Graduate Medical Education.** Support independent community-based academic medical centers in furnishing primary and specialty care and educating physicians for the future.

**Access to Medications.** Ensure sustainability of 340B funding and reverse worsening drug shortages.

**Scope of Practice.** Encourage appropriate expansion of scope of practice for mid-level practitioners to ensure sufficient workforce supply to meet the needs of health care modernization.

**Cost of Care:** Facilitate patients’ understanding of cost of care and require insurers to clarify coverage provisions prior to care being furnished.

**Physician Self-Referral.** Protect patients against erosion of physician self-referral prohibitions when creating and modernizing health care delivery structures.

**Certificate of Need.** Monitor proposed Certificate of Need changes as the scope of regulation responds to the new all-payer model.
Violence Intervention and Prevention: Support viable approaches and funding to address community and family violence.

Medicaid Long-Term Care Eligibility. Continue to streamline the Medicaid long-term care eligibility process and stabilize rates.

Brain Injury Support. Support funding for the Maryland Brain Injury Trust Fund to ensure victims of traumatic brain injury adequate access to care.

Capital and Program Support. Support The Associated: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore’s request for funding for Northwest Hospital’s Domestic Violence Treatment and Prevention program; Sinai Hospital’s Diabetes Medical Home Extender program and community, providing employment and training for community health workers and reducing hospital readmissions, MHA’s bond projects, including LifeBridge Center for Hope, and; state funding for Sinai NICU.

Trauma Center Funding. Stabilize funding for Maryland’s regional trauma centers.

Build Upon Health Systems’ Contributions to Their Communities.

Community Benefit. Acknowledge hospitals’ community benefit expenditures - $96.6 M in FY2019 - and economic impact - $2 B in FY2018 - for LifeBridge institutions, and maintain hospitals’ ability to provide community services by preserving tax-exempt status.

Community and Economic Redevelopment. Augment the substantial LifeBridge Health investment in redevelopment of Randallstown, Park Heights, and Carroll County communities, including securing approvals for investment in Sinai property adjacent to Pimlico Race Course.

Pimlico Race Course Redevelopment. Secure approvals for investment in Sinai property adjacent to Pimlico Race Course, include protections for LifeBridge in legislation, and required and require Pimlico Race Course to partner with community stakeholders on redevelopment plans for track and area redevelopment.

Live Near Your Work. Promote the expanded Live Near Your Work program in Baltimore City and County and Carroll County among all LifeBridge Health employees.

Local Hiring and Buying. Develop local hiring and procurement policy that encourages expansion of investment in various business sectors, and employment policy that facilitates employment of hard-to-hire individuals.

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