

Public Act 25-168 Section. 190

Sec. 190. (Effective from passage) (a) There is established a working group to evaluate hospital discharge challenges, including, but not limited to, hospital discharge practices, and propose strategies to reduce discharge delays, improve transitions of care and alleviate emergency department boarding.

(b) The working group shall consist of the following members, who shall be appointed by the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health:

(1) Two hospital administrators, who shall be a chief operating officer or vice president of care coordination, one of whom shall be from an urban hospital and one of whom shall be from a rural hospital;

(2) Two emergency department physicians, who shall be nominated by a college of emergency physicians in the state;

(3) One practicing hospitalist with experience in discharge planning;

(4) Two executives of health systems, one of whom shall be from a community hospital;

(5) One representative of a commercial health insurer licensed in the state;

(6) One representative of a care management organization under a Medicaid care management contract with the state;

(7) One representative of a skilled nursing facility;

(8) One representative of a home health or community-based care organization;

(9) One behavioral health provider involved in discharge transitions;

(10) One primary care physician affiliated with a clinically integrated network;

(11) One representative of a patient advocacy organization with expertise in transitions of care;

(12) One representative of an association of hospitals in the state;

(13) One academic or public health policy expert from an institution of higher education in the state;

(14) The Commissioner of Public Health, or the commissioner's designee;

(15) The Commissioner of Health Strategy, or the commissioner's designee;

(16) The Commissioner of Social Services, or the commissioner's

designee;

(17) The Insurance Commissioner, or the commissioner's designee;

And

(18) One member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and one member of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services, who shall be nonvoting members of the working group.

(c) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health shall serve as the administrative staff of the working group.

(d) Not later than January 15, 2026, the working group shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health and human services.