



Maryland Works, Inc.

Thanks to the advocacy of Maryland Works and its members, both SB368 and SB612 passed on 3rd Reader UNANIMOUSLY in the State Senate. Assuming the Governor signs them into law, starting this July 1, the Preferred Provider Program will become known as the “Employment Works” Program, many aspects of the Program will be strengthened – and – individual-with-disability owned businesses will be eligible to participate.

Other public policy issues that Maryland Works is following:

- DDA and MHA COLA – the House of Delegates is recommending a 2% COLA be kept in next years budget and the Senate is recommending 3%. Please continue to call your Delegates and Senators in support of the COLA.
- DORS – the \$2.3 increase in purchase-of-service dollars remains intact in both the House and Senate budgets. No further action is required at this time.

As we enter the final couple weeks of this year’s Legislative Session, there are numerous pieces of legislation and budget items that we are actively engaged in on behalf of our members and partners. Please watch your e-mail for ACTION ALERTS!

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