Obstetric Legislation in the 2015 Maryland General Assembly

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Overview
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

- Structure
- Policies
- LL Meetings
- Pre/post Session
SB 187 - Workgroup to Study Access to Obstetric Services

• Overview
• DHMH position
• Bill changes
SB 399 - Health Care Malpractice Claims - Use of Clinical Practice Guidelines

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- DHMH position
SB 105/HB 009 - Maryland Licensure of Direct-Entry Midwives Act

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- Bill changes
- Stakeholders
SB 585/HB 553 - Maryland No-Fault Birth Injury Fund

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- DHMH position
C-Sections

• Maryland: 33.2%
  ▫ National: 32.8%

• Disparities within Maryland
C-Sections and Medicaid

- South Carolina
- New York
- Washington
Recommendation for Maryland

• Medicaid reimbursement changes

• Hospital quality incentive program
Conclusions
Questions?