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## Legislative Sessions in Maryland, Virginia and D.C.

The 2020 legislative sessions began on January 8 in Maryland and Virginia. In addition, the D.C. Council has moved into the second year of Council Period 23, which is generally when the majority of legislative activity occurs.

### Maryland

The 2020 legislative session began on January 8 and runs until April 6. Maryland House and Senate leadership has changed for the first time in over a decade. Delegate Adrienne Jones (D-Baltimore County) was elected Speaker of the House of Delegates in May 2019 after the passing of Mike Busch (D-Anne Arundel) who had served as Speaker since 2003. Senator Bill Ferguson (D-Baltimore City) was unanimously elected by the Democratic Caucus to succeed Senate President Mike Miller (D-Calvert) who stepped down at the beginning of session after more than three decades as President of the Maryland Senate. Democrats continue to hold a supermajority in both chambers. Key healthcare issues of interest will include the stability of the individual market, prescription drug prices and network adequacy.

### Virginia

The 2020 legislative session began on January 8 and is a longer 60-day session that will run until March 7. During the 2019 elections, Democrats took control of both the State Senate and House of Delegates for the first time in 25 years. In the House of Delegates, Democrats will hold at least 55 of the 100 seats. In the Senate, they will hold a 21-19 majority. Key healthcare issues of interest will include the potential creation of a state-based exchange and reinsurance program for the individual market, "surprise" out-of-network balance billing and prescription drug prices.

### District of Columbia

The D.C. Council has moved into the second year of Council Period 23, which will be more active than the first year of the Council Period. Key healthcare issues of interest include "surprise" out-of-network balance billing, expanding maternal health services and consumer data protections/privacy. 2020 is also an election year for the D.C. Council, with the Democratic Primary scheduled for June 16.

### For more information

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