



Maryland
Hospital Association

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To: The Honorable Melony G. Griffith, Chair, Senate Finance Committee

Re: Letter of Information - Senate Bill 234 – Health Services Cost Review Commission –
Hospital Rates – All Payer Model Contract

Dear Chair Griffith:

On behalf of the Maryland Hospital Association's (MHA) 60 member hospitals and health systems, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on Senate Bill 234.

As reflected in Maryland Health General §19-212, the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) considers many factors when determining hospital rate changes. HSCRC is also required to consider whether the hospital has enough resources to meet its financial requirements, and HSCRC must concern itself with solutions if a hospital does not have enough resources.

The proposed statutory language change is consistent with the language found in paragraph (c): HSCRC is to establish hospital-specific rates that are consistent with the state's All-Payer Model Contract with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

In MHA's discussion with HSCRC staff, the proposed language is understood to be added for consistency with existing statutory requirements. HSCRC already considers the Model's contract language when adjusting hospital rates, and the proposed change does not fundamentally change HSCRC's authority or practice.

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