



Maryland  
Hospital Association

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Dr. Alyson Schuster  
Deputy Director, Quality Methodologies  
Health Services Cost Review Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Dear Dr. Schuster:

On behalf of the Maryland Hospital Association's 61 member hospitals and health systems, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Health Services Cost Review Commission's (HSCRC) *Draft Recommendations for the Maryland Hospital Acquired Conditions Program for Rate Year 2022*. We appreciate the collaborative process to engage with staff and offer input to shape the policy in the best interest of high-quality care for all Marylanders.

We support the staff's recommendations which have remained largely unchanged from the existing policy.

We look forward to continuing to work with the commission on future policies.

Sincerely,

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Senior Vice President, Quality & Health Improvement

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