

To: Chief Financial Officers

From: Cait Cooksey, Deputy Director – Hospital Rate Regulation

Date: September 9, 2026

Re: Assessment – Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

At its July 22, 2026 public meeting, the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) approved an amendment to the Update Factor for FY 2027 to provide additional funding to stabilize Maryland's individual health insurance market and help mitigate future hospital uncompensated care (UCC) costs.

Of the approved funding, \$100 million will be transferred to the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) Special Fund through a broad-based, uniform assessment on hospital rates. The assessment will provide the funding needed to sustain Maryland's reinsurance program and state premium subsidies, helping maintain affordable health insurance coverage for Marylanders. By preserving the current 2026 subsidy structure into 2027, the funding is expected to prevent approximately 29,000 Marylanders from losing coverage while also mitigating increases in hospital uncompensated care that would result from higher uninsured rates.

The HSCRC is adjusting mid-year GBR targets so hospitals will charge all funding for the assessment by December 2026. This memo and attached workbook details each hospital's payment amounts and provides information regarding the transfer of funds to MHBE. Hospitals must make two payments based on the attached workbook amounts which are due on **October 5th** and **December 7th**.

Questions regarding the assessment can be directed to Tony Armiger, MHBE Chief Financial Officer, at tony.armiger@maryland.gov or Erin Schurmann, HSCRC Associate Director of Strategic Initiatives, at erin.schurmann@maryland.gov.

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Account Transfer Information

The account information for the transfer to MHBE is as follows.

ACH Instructions:

Account Name: State of Maryland – Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

Account Number: 4898137625

Type of Account: Checking

Bank Name: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Bank Address: 333 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

ABA Routing Number: 121000248

Enter ***“D78 MHBE Hospital”*** in the Nacha 6-7 field

Wire Instructions:

Account Name: State of Maryland – Maryland Health Benefit Exchange

Account Number: 4898137625

Type of Account: Checking

Bank Name: Fargo Bank, N.A.

Bank Address: 333 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

ABA Routing Number: 121000248

Swift Code: WFBIUS6S

Chips Code: 0509 – Not needed for Domestic Wires

Enter ***“D78 MHBE Hospital”*** in the Beneficiary to Recipient / Information field