

MEMORANDUM

To: Chief Financial Officers – All Hospitals & Workgroup Members

From: Megan Renfrew, Deputy Director of Policy and Consumer Protection

Date: April 7, 2025

Re: Discontinuation of Medical Bill Reimbursement Project Under Health General §19-214.4, Maryland Code

The Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) is writing to inform hospitals and stakeholders that the project to reimburse patients who received hospital care between 2017 and 2021 who were eligible for free care but paid hospital bills for that care will not be implemented. This project was required by Health General §19-214.4, Maryland Code.

During the summer of 2024, HSCRC conducted a public comment period on legal documents necessary to implement this reimbursement process, including a memorandum of understanding to be signed by each hospital and several state agencies. A public comment identified a legal barrier to implementation, preventing the process from proceeding as planned.

[House Bill 1336](#) was introduced during the 2025 legislative session to address this issue; however, the bill did not pass. That means the legal barrier to implementation remains. In addition, Health General §19-214.4 expires on June 30, 2025. Accordingly, HSCRC will not take additional actions to implement or enforce this law.

We appreciate the engagement of all stakeholders throughout this process and recognize the efforts made to explore potential solutions. If you have any questions, please contact me at Megan.renfrew1@Maryland.gov.

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