



To: Chief Financial Officers

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Re: Hospital Financial Assistance and Medical Debt Regulations

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The HSCRC promulgated updated regulations governing hospital financial assistance and medical debt, effective December 11, 2025. Among its provisions, please note that these regulations require that financial assistance must be accessible to all eligible low-income patients residing in Maryland regardless of citizenship status. Also, please note the new protections offered to patients regarding medical debt.

To assure compliance with the law and HSCRC regulations, we ask that you submit your updated financial assistance policy as well as your policy on the collection of debts owed by patients to the HSCRC on or before April 30, 2026, via email at hscrc.financialassistance@maryland.gov. Thank you.