

# URGENT

o: Chief Financial Officers – All Hospitals

From: Dennis N. Phelps – Deputy Director-Audit & Compliance

Date: December 15, 2021

Re: Chapter 770 of the Laws of 2021, Health Facilities - Hospitals - Medical Debt Protection

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HSCRC staff has been asked to provide guidance on the implications of House Bill 565 (2021 legislative session), which concerns hospital medical debt protection. The Office of Counsel to the General Assembly has recently issued an opinion to the bill sponsor, describing how the legislation is to be implemented at this time. Please refer to the attached opinion to guide your implementation of HB 565.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, you may contact me at [dennis.phelps@maryland.gov](mailto:dennis.phelps@maryland.gov).

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