



May 13, 2024

Brian Frazee
President & CEO

Dear Members of the Delaware General Assembly,

Based on the forthcoming Senate amendments to HB 350, the Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) stands neutral on HB 350 and will no longer actively oppose the bill at this time.

Beebe Healthcare
David A. Tam,
MD, MBA
President & CEO
DHA Board Chair

Important changes to HB 350 include:

- modifying the reference-based pricing provision in a way that prevents an immediate \$360 million cut from Delaware hospitals and health systems;
- allowing flexibility in the healthcare spending benchmark that hospitals will be measured against;
- requiring the state to clarify the process and important factors to be considered in the performance improvement plan process; and
- removing the board's ability to seize hospital assets.

ChristianaCare
Janice E. Nevin,
MD, MPH
President & CEO
DHA Board Vice Chair

Bayhealth
Terry Murphy
President & CEO
DHA Board Secretary &
Treasurer

While these amendments reduce the immediate harm to our state's hospitals and healthcare systems, and their employees and patients, we have been consistent and unequivocal with the sponsors and others on our opposition to other components of this legislation.

Nemours Children's Health
Mark Marcantano
President
Delaware Valley
Operations

DHA remains deeply concerned about the remaining provisions in HB 350, including creating a politically-appointed oversight board with the potential to modify and approve hospital budgets. The members of DHA reserve rights to remedy this legislation if passed. We will continue our work to ensure Delaware hospitals can meet their obligation and commitment to provide access to high-quality care to our patients and the communities we serve.

TidalHealth Nanticoke
Penny Short, MSM, BSN,
RN
President

On behalf of our member hospitals, health systems, and healthcare-related organizations, DHA appreciates the amendments that improve HB 350 made by Governor Carney's administration, Speaker Longhurst, and Majority Leader Townsend.

Saint Francis Hospital
James Woodward
President & CEO
Trinity Health Mid-
Atlantic Region

Thank you for your attention to this vital issue.

Delaware Healthcare Association
Brian W. Frazee
President & CEO

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Brian Frazee'.

Brian Frazee
President & CEO
Delaware Healthcare Association