



November 20, 2024

The Honorable John C. Carney, Jr.
Governor of Delaware
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**Delaware Healthcare
Association**
Brian W. Frazee
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Dear Governor Carney,

On behalf of Delaware's hospitals, health systems, healthcare-related organizations, and the patients and communities we serve, we respectfully request that you decline to nominate members of the Diamond State Hospital Cost Review Board before you leave office in January.

With the pending HB 350 litigation in the Court of Chancery and ongoing discussions with the incoming administration and legislative leaders on potential modifications, the final shape of the law will occur under the new administration.

Therefore, please avoid potential confusion and uncertainty by enabling the next administration, legislative leaders and the courts to resolve the critical issue before appointments are made to this board.

We continue to share your concerns about the impact of rising healthcare costs nationwide and in Delaware. Our member hospitals continue to take significant steps to improve community health, expand access and reduce costs. These include investments in primary care, behavioral health, social drivers of health, value-based care arrangements, and advancing health equity.

As you know, we will continue working collaboratively with our healthcare stakeholder partners, the new administration and the General Assembly to tackle these complex and important issues.

Thank you for your service to our state and we look forward to continuing to work with you in your new capacity as mayor of Wilmington. We appreciate your consideration and would be happy to discuss further.

Sincerely,

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

Brian Frazee
President & CEO
Delaware Healthcare Association

Cc:

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