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Delaware Healthcare Association Brian W. Frazee President & CEO January 17, 2024

The Honorable Spiros Mantzavinos Delaware General Assembly Dover, DE 19904

Dear Senator Mantzavinos,

The Delaware Healthcare Association is pleased to support Senate Bill 199, which makes necessary clarifications to the Medical Debt Protection Act.

Last year, you led important legislation intended to reduce medical debt and protect patients from unfair debt collection practices. Delaware's hospitals provide high quality and cost effective care to all patients regardless of ability to pay. We appreciate your working with DHA and other stakeholders to ensure the reforms were both effective and operable. Your bill continues this work by clarifying that the provisions in SB 8 from 2023 are intended to apply to hospitals and large health facilities that are majority owned by hospitals and that the "time of service" requirement is not intended to be applied to non-employed providers.

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for SB 199 and for your leadership on this important issue. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

Brian Grayee

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