



March 13, 2024

*Brian W. Frazee*  
President & CEO

The Honorable Paul Baumbach  
Delaware General Assembly  
411 Legislative Ave.  
Dover, DE 19904

Dear Representative Baumbach,

*Nemours Children's Health*  
Mark Marcantano, JD  
Regional President,  
Nemours Children's  
Delaware Valley

The Delaware Healthcare Association, representing Delaware's hospitals, health systems, and related healthcare organizations, is pleased to support House Bill 326.

*Bayhealth*  
Terry Murphy,  
President & CEO

HB 326 requires Delaware's non-profit hospitals to provide the state and public with an annual report outlining their community benefit spending. Delaware's hospitals already provide individual hospital community benefit information to the federal government through the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990 Schedule H and make it publicly available. HB 326 would provide an opportunity for Delaware hospitals to present their community benefit activities to the state as well.

*Beebe Healthcare*  
David A. Tam,  
MD, MBA,  
President & CEO

With that in mind, we respectfully request the consideration of some technical amendments that preserve the intent of the bill but make sure the reporting requirements in HB 326 are consistent with the federal reporting requirements. This will reduce administrative burden and ensure the reports are completed expeditiously.

*ChristianaCare*  
Janice E. Nevin,  
MD, MPH  
President & CEO

*TidalHealth Nanticoke*  
Penny Short, MSM, BSN,  
RN  
President & CEO

As you may know, DHA collects and reports on statewide community benefit spending information on a biennial basis. Delaware's nonprofit hospitals contributed nearly \$1 billion statewide in community benefit spending in the most recent reporting year. This number includes the unpaid cost of patient care, including charity care and the unpaid cost of government health insurance, as well as initiatives that aim to improve health in their communities.

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

*Delaware Healthcare Association*  
Brian W. Frazee  
President & CEO

Thank you for the opportunity to share DHA's support for HB 326. We look forward to working with you and your colleagues in the General Assembly to advance this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Frazee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Frazee  
President & CEO  
Delaware Healthcare Association