



July 30, 2021

*Wayne A. Smith*  
President & CEO

The Honorable Tom Carper  
U.S. Senate  
513 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Carper,

*Alfred I. duPont Hospital  
for Children*  
Mark Mumford,  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Executive,  
Nemours Delaware  
Valley Operations

On behalf of the members of the Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA) I am writing to respectfully request that you cosponsor the Provider Relief Fund Deadline Extension Act (S. 2493).

*Bayhealth*  
Terry Murphy,  
President & CEO

S. 2493 was introduced recently by Senators Michael Bennet and Kevin Cramer to allow providers that received COVID-19 Provider Relief Fund (PRF) payments prior to June 30, 2020, to use their payments through Dec. 31, 2021, or the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency, whichever is later. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) required providers that received PRF money from April 10, 2020, through June 30, 2020, to spend those funds by June 30, 2021. Providers also have until September 30, 2021 to submit required reporting on utilization of the funds for health care-related expenses or lost revenues attributable to COVID-19. With nationwide increases in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, it is important to allow providers additional time to use unspent funds.

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

With COVID-19 cases once again on the rise nationwide, and ongoing uncertainties around the variants of the virus, it is imperative that our providers are given flexibility in the form of additional time to use their payments as they continue to fight the pandemic.

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

Please consider cosponsoring S. 2493. We thank you for your ongoing support for Delaware's hospitals and health systems in the fight against COVID-19.

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

*Saint Francis Healthcare*

*Wilmington Veterans  
Affairs Medical Center*  
Vincent Kane  
Director

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Wayne A. Smith'.

Wayne A. Smith

*Delaware Healthcare  
Association*  
Wayne A. Smith  
President & CEO