

**SB0774/127079/1**

BY: Finance Committee

**AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 774**  
(First Reading File Bill)

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Hospitals” and substitute “Health Services Cost Review Commission”; in the same line, after “Benefits” insert “– Reporting”; in line 10, after “hospital;” insert “requiring the Commission to establish a method through which State and local governing bodies are made aware of certain meetings;”; in line 11, strike “issue a certain”; and strike beginning with the third comma in line 11 down through “recommendations,” in line 12 and substitute “certain information”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On page 2, in line 2, after “(3)” insert “**(I)**”; strike beginning with “an” in line 2 down through “System” in line 14 and substitute “**A PLANNED, ORGANIZED, AND MEASURED ACTIVITY THAT IS INTENDED TO MEET IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS WITHIN A SERVICE AREA.**”

**(II) “COMMUNITY BENEFIT” MAY INCLUDE:**

- 1. A COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICE;**
- 2. HEALTH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION;**
- 3. RESEARCH;**
- 4. A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION;**
- 5. A COMMUNITY–BUILDING ACTIVITY, INCLUDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY–BASED ORGANIZATIONS;**

(Over)

6. CHARITY CARE;
7. AN ACTIVITY DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH THAT IS FUNDED BY A FOUNDATION;
8. A MISSION-DRIVEN HEALTH SERVICE;
9. AN OPERATION RELATED TO AN ACTIVITY DESCRIBED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND
10. FINANCIAL OR IN-KIND SUPPORT OF THE MARYLAND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM”;

in line 18, strike the bracket; in the same line, after “process” insert “REQUIRED BY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT”; in line 19, strike the bracket; and in lines 19 and 20, strike “A COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT CONDUCTED”.

On page 4, strike beginning with “, IN” in line 7 down through “AND” in line 8 and substitute “TO IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF”; strike beginning with “REPORTS” in line 13 down through “COMMISSION” in line 14 and substitute “ANNUAL COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT”; and strike beginning with “IDENTIFY” in line 15 down through “NEEDS” in line 27 and substitute “SOLICIT AND TAKE INTO ACCOUNT INPUT RECEIVED FROM INDIVIDUALS WHO REPRESENT THE BROAD INTERESTS OF THAT COMMUNITY, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF OR EXPERTISE IN PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 501(R)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE”.

On pages 4 and 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 28 on page 4 through line 7 on page 5, and substitute:

**“(4) REQUIRE EACH NONPROFIT HOSPITAL TO CONDUCT ITS COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORTING WORKGROUP AND TO SUBMIT AN ANNUAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS REPORT TO THE COMMISSION DETAILING THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THE HOSPITAL DURING THE PRECEDING YEAR THAT INCLUDES:”.**

On page 5, strike beginning with “COMMUNITY” in line 9 down through “HOSPITAL” in line 10 and substitute “**ACTIVITIES THAT WERE UNDERTAKEN BY THE HOSPITAL TO ADDRESS THE IDENTIFIED COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS WITHIN THE HOSPITAL’S COMMUNITY**”; in line 12, strike “INITIATIVE” and substitute “**ACTIVITY**”; strike beginning with “THE” in line 13 down through “INITIATIVE” in line 15 and substitute “**A DESCRIPTION OF HOW EACH OF THE LISTED ACTIVITIES ADDRESSES THE COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS OF THE HOSPITAL’S COMMUNITY**”; strike beginning with “THE” in line 16 down through “INITIATIVE” in line 17 and substitute “**EFFORTS TAKEN TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH COMMUNITY BENEFIT ACTIVITY**”; in line 19, strike “UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS AT THE HOSPITAL” and substitute “**THE COMMUNITY**”; in line 26, after “YEAR” insert “**, IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW**”; after line 26, insert:

**“(D) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A METHOD THROUGH WHICH STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES ARE MADE AWARE OF THE MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORTING WORKGROUP.”;**

in line 28, strike “October” and substitute “**December**”; and in line 29, after “shall” insert “**compile a report on the steps taken to update the community benefit reporting process that includes**”.

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On pages 5 and 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 5 through line 10 on page 6, inclusive, and substitute:

“(1) a description of each hospital’s process for soliciting input in the development of the community health needs assessment for the purpose of § 501(r)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and

(2) recommendations for the Maryland Department of Health and the local health departments to assess the effectiveness of hospitals’ community benefit spending to address the community health needs.”.

On page 6, in line 11, strike “October” and substitute “December”; and strike beginning with “report” in line 11 down through “section” in line 12 and substitute “annual Nonprofit Hospital Community Health Benefit Report”.