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Via Email: *On Behalf of Arielle Chortanoff*

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TO: Members of the House Health Committee
FROM: The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania
SUBJECT: Hospital-Based Financial Assistance Forms

Dear Members of the House Health Committee:

The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania (HAP), on behalf of 235 members across the commonwealth, writes regarding House Bill 79 which is scheduled for a vote in the House Health Committee today.

House Bill 79, as revised by proposed Amendment A00328, would establish the Hospital-Based Financial Assistance Act requiring the Department of Health—with input from the hospital community—to develop a uniform financial assistance application, eligibility template, and statement of availability for use and distribution in hospitals across the commonwealth.

HAP appreciates the collaboration with the prime sponsor of the legislation and committee staff in developing compromise language included in the proposed amendment that takes into consideration financial assistance programs in place and currently offered by hospitals. HAP supports Amendment A00328 and will remain neutral on House Bill 79 as amended.

Please feel free to reach out to [me](#) or [Sarah Lawver](#), HAP's senior director, state advocacy if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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