

# Prince George's County Hospital Authority

March 9, 2009

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The Honorable Jack B. Johnson, County Executive  
The Honorable Marilyn M. Bland, Chair, County Council  
Prince George's County Government  
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14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive  
Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772

Dear Mr. Johnson and Ms. Bland:

On behalf of the Prince George's County Hospital Authority (the "Authority"), I am writing to let you know Senate Bill 1039, which is a revised version of the legislation presented to the Prince George's County Council on February 24, 2009, and introduced later that week in the Maryland House of Delegates, will be available on March 10, 2009, and I will forward a copy at that time. The changes in the Senate Bill, which was submitted last Friday, March 6, 2009, on behalf of the Authority, reflect and respond to the comments and concerns of the stakeholders, including those expressed by the Prince George's County Council during its February 24, 2009 hearing.

Specifically, Senate Bill 1039 does the following :

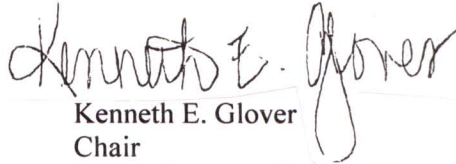
- 1) Extends to May, 2010 the time the Authority has to complete the transfer of the Prince George's County healthcare system in its entirety. This extension of time for the Authority to fulfill its mandate does not extend the term of the Authority, which has always been scheduled to sunset in May, 2010.
- 2) Confirms that all other provisions of Chapter 680 of the 2008 Laws of Maryland remain in effect through the duration of the Authority's existence; and
- 3) Adds two provisions, one of which affords the Maryland Health Care Commission flexibility to waive certain Certificate of Need requirements. The second directs certain State and County agencies to serve as consultants if requested by the Authority.

The bill no longer permits the Authority to transfer individual components of the system, nor does it require the development of a plan to reconfigure the system. Again, the Authority made these changes in response to concerns expressed that the original draft of the bill constituted a redirection of the Authority's mission.

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The Prince George's County Government is an important stakeholder in the process of transferring all of the County's healthcare assets to new ownership. We thank you for your candor, your support and your commitment in helping the Authority achieve its mission for the citizens of Prince George's County and the State of Maryland.

Sincerely,



Kenneth E. Glover  
Chair

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Cc: Members of the Prince George's County Council  
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