



## SB 1763 TOOLKIT



### SENATE BILL 1763 BOARD RESOLUTION TEMPLATE

WHEREAS, [HOSPITAL and/or HEALTH SYSTEM] believes that all individuals and communities deserve access to high quality healthcare at the right time, in the right setting, to support each person's quest for optimum health; and

WHEREAS, [HOSPITAL and/or HEALTH SYSTEM] has been a leader in encouraging the provision of healthcare financial assistance to those in need; and

WHEREAS, [HOSPITAL and/or HEALTH SYSTEM] makes significant contributions to community health and well-being, with a strong commitment to providing quality, affordable and equitable healthcare for Medicaid customers; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid insures 3.6 million, or 3 in 10 Illinoisans, compared to 1 in 10 Illinoisans in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the State Medicaid program reimburses Illinois hospitals, on average, about 80% of what it costs to provide care and the federal Medicare program reimburses Illinois hospitals, on average, about 90% of what it costs to provide care; and

WHEREAS, these two government insurance programs account for two-thirds of hospital inpatient stays, and over half of all hospital outpatient services; and

WHEREAS, the state investment in the Medicaid base inpatient rate has remained largely unchanged over the last 28 years; and

WHEREAS, the General Revenue Funded hospital inpatient rate is less today than it was in 1995; and

WHEREAS, the General Revenue Funded hospital outpatient rate is also less today than it was when it was established in 2015; and

WHEREAS, the state General Revenue Fund finances only 18% of hospital Medicaid spending, while the almost \$2 billion assessment tax paid by hospitals funds about 22% of hospital Medicaid spending; and

WHEREAS, hospital costs are up 85% since 1995 due to dramatically higher labor, drug and supply costs; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal strain hospitals are experiencing threatens their financial stability and security within their facilities and outside their four walls; and

WHEREAS, due to financial pressures, many hospitals have already had to reduce available beds, delay hiring and reduce staffing; and

WHEREAS, without additional state support, access to care will continue to suffer as hospitals are forced to close units, limit services or consider closure; and

WHEREAS, increasing Medicaid base rates would protect access to healthcare services of all Illinois residents in the areas of preventative services, prenatal care, opioid and other drug treatment, behavioral health, crisis intervention, treatment of chronic disease, dental health and support for the elderly and people with disabilities, thus providing for a healthier population and a more productive workforce; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that [HOSPITAL and/or HEALTH SYSTEM] supports Senate Bill 1763 and encourages passage of Senate Bill 1763 by the Illinois General Assembly and Gov. JB Pritzker to sign this legislation that will preserve and improve access to quality, affordable and equitable healthcare for Medicaid customers by increasing hospital Medicaid base rates and implementing other critical funding components in support of hospitals and the patients and communities they serve throughout the state of Illinois.