

# Urge Our Legislators to **Do No Harm**

## The Facts About House Bill 350

For physicians, the guiding principle is “Do No Harm.” House Bill 350 will cause devastating harm to Delawareans by putting decisions about access to care, quality of care and hospital staffing into the hands of a few political appointees.

The legislation aims to create a Diamond State Hospital Cost Review Board to review and approve every Delaware hospital budget — including salary information and payor contracts.

Oppose House Bill 350 and urge legislators to prevent it from becoming law. Here are the facts:

- **Health care professionals should decide what is medically necessary.** The new layers of oversight proposed in this bill will undermine the provider-patient relationship and constrain you from providing the expert care health care professionals know is necessary.
- **This bill is a state takeover of Delaware's private nonprofit hospitals** and will lead to rationing of care and with horrific consequences for Delaware's most vulnerable people.
- **This bill will worsen physician and nursing shortages in Delaware:** Increased bureaucracy and constraints on Delaware hospitals' ability to innovate and invest in new technologies and infrastructure — hindering their ability to compete nationally for top talent.
- **This bill is based on the failing Vermont model:** 11 of Vermont's 14 hospitals are operating in the red and quality and safety measures have declined.
- **Delaware's nonprofit hospitals could experience a \$360 million reduction in funding as soon as 2025.** Hospitals would be forced to make drastic decisions about the care, services and programs they provide.
- **Enactment of the bill will cost taxpayers money.** These resources would be better used for shared priorities around strengthening Delaware's health care workforce, ensuring and further expanding access to primary care, substance use disorder treatment and behavioral health care, home care, school-based care, acute hospital care, physician services and advancing health equity.

**Urge Delaware legislators to vote NO to House Bill 350.**