



MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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*** MEDIA ADVISORY ***

Commissions To Release An Enhanced Hospital Performance Evaluation Guide

BALTIMORE, MD (June 27, 2006) -- The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) will release an enhanced edition of the *Hospital Performance Evaluation Guide* during a press conference on Thursday, June 29 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Commissions' offices located at 4160 Patterson Avenue in Baltimore. The Guide reflects the Commissions' commitment to consumerism. It has been significantly revised for content, ease of data access and comparability. In cooperation with the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC), the Guide will for the first time provide hospital specific cost information in keeping with the Commissions' commitment to transparency.

Stephen Salamon, chairman of the Maryland Health Care Commission, will host the press conference. Other presenters will be Dr. Rex Cowdry, MHCC executive director; Robert Murray, HSCRC executive director; Beverly Miller, senior vice president of the Maryland Hospital Association; and a detailed demonstration of the new Guide by the Delmarva Foundation who developed the Guide at the request of the Maryland Health Care Commission.

DIRECTIONS:

The Maryland Health Care Commission is located on the Patterson Avenue side of the Reisterstown Plaza at the corner of Patterson Avenue and Reisterstown Road, in Baltimore. Phone: 410-764-3460 for additional assistance.

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Follow Liberty Road for several lights; when you see a cemetery (Woodlawn Cemetery) on your right, turn left at the next light onto Patterson Avenue. Follow Patterson Avenue; cross over Wabash Avenue and the railroad tracks. After crossing the railroad tracks, turn left at the first light. Take the first right into our parking area. MHCC is halfway down the building on your left.

From downtown Baltimore: Take I-83 North to Northern Parkway, West (2nd exit). Stay on Northern Parkway. Just after Park Heights Avenue, turn right onto Reisterstown Road. One block after Ford's Lane is Patterson Avenue. Turn left onto Patterson Avenue. Take the first right into the mall and then take the first left turn into our parking area. MHCC is halfway down the building on your right.

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