

Resolution No.: 16-287  
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**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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By: Health and Human Services Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Resolution to request the Department of Health and Human Services to issue a Request for Expression of Interest for a benchmark study of Montgomery County's five hospitals

**Background**

1. Montgomery County's future as a vibrant, strong, and diverse County depends on the will of its health community to work together to improve the access to quality health care for all of its residents.
2. On June 19, 2007 the Council, in its role as the Board of Health, was briefed by the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Health Services Cost Review Commission. The Council raised questions about the availability of independent data that could be used in future discussions regarding hospital closures, expansions, moves, identification of underserved areas, or other related issues.
3. On July 18, 2007 the Health and Human Services Committee discussed the need for a benchmark study to collect and analyze data relative to provision of health care and market penetration by hospitals located in Montgomery County. The Committee discussed the need to have adequate data to enable the County to weigh in on the merits of Certificate of Need projects such as those being considered by Washington Adventist, Suburban and Montgomery General hospitals.

**Action**

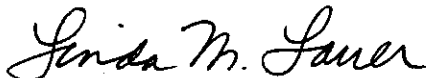
The Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The Council requests that the Department of Health and Human Services issue a Request for Expression of Interest to collect and study data relative to provision of health care in Montgomery County's five hospitals. Constructive analysis of the data would promote the provision of quality, accessible services.

The response submitted by each applicant should demonstrate how it will approach the analysis of potential Montgomery County hospital Certificate of Need projects. Several Certificate of Need projects may be submitted in the near future including Washington Adventist, Suburban and Montgomery General hospitals. The Requests for Expression of Interest should note that the manner in which the analysis will be conducted would be affected by the Certificate of Need submission date. For example, if Washington Adventist is the first hospital to submit a project, it would be the first project to be analyzed.

The Request for Expression of Interest should also request that applicants demonstrate a competency to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan for Montgomery County. Applicants may reply either to the solicitation for the Certificate of Need analysis, or to the CHIP analysis, or both.

This is a correct copy of Council action.



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