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ILLINOIS CHARITY CARE LEGISLATION: A NEW HEALTH PLAN FOR ILLINOIS?

Tuesday, February 21, 2006

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Program
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Reception

21 South Clark Street
57th Floor
Chicago, Illinois

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Please join us for an informative discussion on the Attorney General's proposed hospital charity care and billing/collection practices legislation.

House Bill 5000, entitled the Tax-Exempt Hospital Responsibility Act, essentially creates a new health plan for the uninsured in Illinois by requiring unprecedented charity care obligations of tax-exempt hospitals. The Act sets 8% of a hospital's total operating costs as its minimum charity care obligation, and requires hospitals to deliver medically necessary services to *all* who qualify for charity care under the Act.

House Bill 4999, entitled the Hospital Fair Billing and Collection Practices Act, addresses hospital billing and collection practices, setting certain requirements that could drastically change hospital operations.

Given the potential ramifications of such legislation for hospitals in Illinois, we have brought together a panel of distinguished speakers to offer insights on this important legislative initiative.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Hospital & Health System Leadership
- Healthcare Industry Financial Advisors
- Health Insurance Leadership
- Anyone interested in the future of healthcare in Illinois

AGENDA

3:00 Welcome

Political Climate & Current Status

Thomas M. Fahey, Managing Partner
Leslie M. Darling, Government Partner
Ungaretti & Harris LLP

Attorney General Perspective

Anne Murphy
Senior Counsel to the Attorney General
Office of the Illinois Attorney General

Illinois Hospital Association Perspective

Mark Deaton
Senior Vice President & General Counsel
Illinois Hospital Association

Significance of the Legislation

Lynn Gordon, Healthcare Partner
Ungaretti & Harris LLP

INDUSTRY PANELS

Hospital Perspective

Panel Chair: **James Sances**
VP and CFO, Alexian Brothers Health System
Carl A. Pellettieri, Pellettieri & Associates

Capital Markets Perspective

Panel Chair: **Kenneth Kaufman**
Managing Partner, Kaufman, Hall & Associates
Timothy Wons, J.P. Morgan Securities, Inc.
Joseph Hegner, Merrill Lynch & Co.

Questions & Answers

Closing Remarks

Anne M. Haule, Healthcare Partner
Ungaretti & Harris LLP

5:30 Reception

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