

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Community Benefits Act is amended by adding  
5 Section 23 as follows:

6 (210 ILCS 76/23 new)

7 Sec. 23. Public reports.

8 (a) In order to increase transparency and accessibility of  
9 charity care and financial assistance data, a hospital shall  
10 make the annual hospital community benefits plan report  
11 submitted to the Attorney General under Section 20 available  
12 to the public by publishing the information on the hospital's  
13 website in the same location where annual reports are posted  
14 or on a prominent location on the homepage of the hospital's  
15 website. A hospital is not required to post its audited  
16 financial statements. Information made available to the public  
17 shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

18 (1) The reporting period.

19 (2) Charity care costs consistent with the reporting  
20 requirements in paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of Section  
21 20. Charity care costs associated with services provided  
22 in a hospital's emergency department shall be reported as  
23 a subset of total charity care costs.

1           (3) Total net patient revenue, reported separately by  
2           hospital if the reporting health system includes more than  
3           one hospital.

4           (4) Total community benefits spending. If a hospital  
5           is owned or operated by a health system, total community  
6           benefits spending may be reported as a health system.

7           (5) Data on financial assistance applications  
8           consistent with the reporting requirements in paragraph  
9           (3) of subsection (a) of Section 20, including:

10           (A) the number of applications submitted to the  
11           hospital, both complete and incomplete;

12           (B) the number of applications approved; and

13           (C) the number of applications denied and the 5  
14           most frequent reasons for denial.

15           (6) To the extent that race, ethnicity, sex, or  
16           preferred language is collected and available for  
17           financial assistance applications, the data outlined in  
18           paragraph (5) shall be reported by race, ethnicity, sex,  
19           and preferred language. If this data is not provided by  
20           the patient, the hospital shall indicate this in its  
21           reports. Public reporting of this information shall begin  
22           with the community benefit report filed on or after July  
23           1, 2022. A hospital that files a report without having a  
24           full year of demographic data as required by this Act may  
25           indicate this in its report.

26           (b) The Attorney General shall provide notice on the

1 Attorney General's website informing the public that, upon  
2 request, the Attorney General will provide the annual reports  
3 filed with the Attorney General under Section 20. The notice  
4 shall include the contact information to submit a request.

5 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January  
6 1, 2025.