

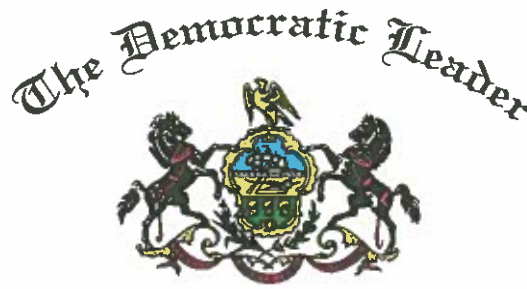
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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Jay Costa

DATE: October 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Introduction of legislation
Re: Reimbursement Rates for Tax-Exempt Hospitals

In the very near future, I plan to introduce legislation to address the impending expiration of reimbursement contracts between Highmark and the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC).

This legislation would amend the Purely Public Charity Act to require tax-exempt hospitals to accept as payment from an uninsured patient or health insurance plan that may not have reimbursement contracts with the hospital, an amount equal to the average the hospital would receive under its three lowest negotiated commercial rates or the payment the hospital would receive under the Medicare program for the same service, whichever is lower.

I hope you will join me in co-sponsoring this legislation by contacting Anne Griffin in my Harrisburg office at 787-7683 or e-mailing her at agriffin@pasenate.com.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.