



TO: Commissioners

FROM: Theresa Lee
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RE: Agenda Item # 6 - The Maryland Patient Safety Center Designation

Beginning in 2009, the Commission has entered into three successive 5-year agreements (i.e., MOUs) with MPSC, Inc., to which it awarded re-designation as Maryland's Patient Safety Center. The current designation expires in 2025. Historically, a significant portion of the funding for the Patient Safety Center has come through the Maryland hospital rate setting system.

During the 2022 legislative session, Senate Bill 591 established a special, non-lapsing fund to support the Maryland Patient Safety Center in the amount of \$1 million annually. The Fund is to be administered by MHCC. The law also requires that MHCC monitor the performance of the Patient Safety Center based on standards and requirements set by the Commission. Considering these recent developments, the staff has transitioned from a 5-year MOU agreement with MPSC, Inc. to a more specific MPSC Designation agreement. The new Designation Agreement is attached to this letter.

During our September 15th meeting, I will provide a brief background on this project and MHCC's role in this designation process. Dr. Blair Eig, President, and CEO of the MPSC, Inc. will provide an overview of their programs, activities, and accomplishments as well as their priorities for next year. A Commission decision to approve the new agreement with MPSC, Inc. will be requested during our public meeting.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.