

**COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
COMMITTEE ON HEALTH
NOTICE OF PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVE., N.W., WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

**COUNCILMEMBER VINCENT C. GRAY, CHAIRPERSON
THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH**

ANNOUNCES A PUBLIC OVERSIGHT HEARING ON

**“THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH’S ROLE IN APPROVING PROVIDENCE HOSPITAL’S
PROPOSED ELIMINATION OF ACUTE CARE SERVICES AND THE IMPACT ON THE
DISTRICT’S EMERGENCY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM”**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018
10:00 A.M., ROOM 500, JOHN A. WILSON BUILDING
1350 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004**

Councilmember Vincent C. Gray, Chairperson of the Committee on Health, announces a public oversight hearing on the Department of Health’s role in approving Providence Hospital’s proposed elimination of acute care services and the impact on the District’s health care system. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 500 of the John A. Wilson Building.

The purpose of this oversight hearing is to examine Providence Hospital’s proposed elimination of acute care services and the impact on the District’s emergency health care system. Topics to be discussed include: the Department of Health’s role in this process through the State Health Planning and Development Agency (SHPDA)/Certificate of Need (CON) and the Health Systems Plan, Ascension’s decision to replace nine of Providence Health System’s twelve board members, the impact of the potential closure on the District’s hospital acute care capacity, the timeline for any potential closure, the potential impact on UMC of a Providence closure, the timeline of building a new hospital (in relation to the Health Systems Plan and CON process), and the creation of a true health system in the District of Columbia, especially on the city’s East End, that allows all residents to conveniently access quality acute care and obstetrical services.

The Committee invites the public to testify at the hearing. Those who wish to testify should contact Malcolm Cameron, Committee Legislative Analyst at (202) 654-6179 or mcameron@dccouncil.us, and provide your name, organizational affiliation (if any), and title with the organization, preferably by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2018.

Witnesses should bring 15 copies of their written testimony to the roundtable. The Committee allows individuals 3 minutes to provide oral testimony in order to permit each witness an opportunity to be heard. Additional written statements are encouraged and will be made part of the official record. Written statements may be submitted by e-mail to mcameron@dccouncil.us or mailed to: Council of the District of Columbia, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Suite 113, Washington D.C. 20004.