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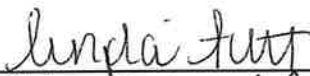
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON HEALTH CARE PROVIDER PARTICIPATION PROGRAM (HCPPP) MANDATORY PAYMENT AMOUNTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027.

The Nueces County Hospital District (NCHD) Board of Managers will hold a public hearing on October 27, 2026, at 12:00 PM in the NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 N. Carancahua Street (Tower II), Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas, to receive comments on the proposed mandatory payments to be assessed on institutional health care providers under the Health Care Provider Participation Program (HCPPP) for Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27), covering the period October 1, 2026, through September 30, 2027, and on the intended use of revenues collected during that period. For mandatory payments assessed during FY27, the Board is considering payments imposed exclusively and separately at up to six percent (6%) of each provider's net patient revenue attributable to inpatient hospital services and up to six percent (6%) of each provider's net patient revenue attributable to outpatient hospital services. The District intends to use each institutional health care provider's Medicare Cost Report as the basis to separately calculate inpatient and outpatient net patient revenue, using Cost Report information designated as "As Submitted" and available in the Healthcare Cost Report Information System as of September 30, 2026. Mandatory payments assessed for periods beginning on or after October 1, 2026, will be deposited in a new, separate local provider participation fund bank account. The proposed mandatory payments would apply during FY27 to institutional health care providers located within the District's boundaries, which are coterminous with Nueces County. For purposes of the HCPPP, an institutional health care provider is defined as a hospital that provides inpatient services and is not owned or operated by the federal or state government. Representatives of affected providers and members of the public are invited to attend the hearing and provide comments either in person or virtually. To join via Zoom, visit <https://tinyurl.com/5n7p6m9s> (Meeting ID: 574 676 5992, Passcode: 195957). To join by phone, dial +1 346 248 7799 or use one-tap mobile: +13462487799,5746765992# or +16699006833,5746765992#. Questions may be directed to Belinda Espinoza, NCHD Assistant Administrator, at belinda.espinoza@nchdcc.org. Public Hearing agenda and materials are available at <https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Organization/1886>