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To: Brandee Gantz, Chief Administrative Officer
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Subject: Testimony – Amendment to HCHD FY24 Spending appropriation

Howard County Health Department requests to increase our FY24 spending appropriation by \$800,000 funding which will be provided to us by the Maryland Department of Health (MDH). There are no local funding matches required with this funding. This request is a result of two factors:

- **Indirect Costs.** HCHD collects 10% indirect costs on the majority of our 100+ grants from the State. Indirect costs help cover ‘overhead’ costs of the department. HCHD will received \$700,000 in indirect costs collected from State grants which was not accounted for in our FY24 budget submission last year.
- **Increased in Medicaid Rates.** HCHD will collect an additional \$100,000 in additional revenue collected through clinical billing due to increase in Medicaid rates made effective January 1, 2024. The state approved a 8% increase in Medicaid rates

The total revised appropriation is \$49,490,006