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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 <sup>TH</sup> FLOOR
	SUBJECT	CITY COUNCIL BILL #09-0140R - INFORMATIONAL HEARING - BON SECOURS BALTIMORE HEALTH SYSTEMS

CITY of  
BALTIMORE  
**MEMO**



**TO**

DATE: July 06, 2009

The Honorable President and  
Members of the City Council  
City Hall, Room 400  
100 N. Holliday Street

The Department of Planning has received City Council Bill No. 09-0140R for review. This resolution is for the purpose of inviting the CEO of Bon Secours Baltimore Health Systems to share with the City Council the current operational and fiscal status of the health and social services corporation; and the forecast for the future continuation of delivery of health care and human services to some of the most needy residents of Baltimore City.

The Department of Planning supports the development of a long-term strategy to offer health care to the surrounding community which has virtually no primary care practices and which has continuing problems because most of its patients are poor, very sick, and without insurance. The City's Comprehensive Master Plan, in the EARN Section, Goal #1, Objective #6, calls for the expansion of health care facilities guided by adopted health care facility master plans.

Thus, the Department supports CCB #09-0140R. Recognizing the state of today's economy, uncertainties surrounding pending Federal action on health care cost containment and reimbursement, and Bon Secours Baltimore Health System's fiscal situation, we are prepared to work with Bon Secours leadership and the community to develop long-term plans for both the physical and operational development of this much-needed public facility on which so many depend.

If you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Wolde Ararsa, Division Chief for Land Use and Urban Design, at 410-396-4488.

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