Please find a summary of the key budget items impacting hospitals from the February 22, 2019 “As Passed” version of HB 30, the Amended FY 2019 Appropriations Act. Find the full version at http://www.house.ga.gov/budget/Documents/2019_FiscalYear/AFY_2019_Bill_As_Passed.pdf. All figures reflect State Funds unless otherwise noted.

1. **Indigent Care Trust Fund**
   a. Full funding for both deemed and non-deemed private hospitals eligible for the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program. ($18.8 million)

2. **Medicaid/PeachCare for Kids**
   a. Administrative funding for an external consultant to review and analyze Medicaid and Section 1332 waiver options. Section 1332 waivers allow states to implement programs to improve their health care insurance markets. ($1.6 million)
   
   b. New funding for the revision of the hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS) reimbursement model, effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2019. ($4.6 million)
   
   c. New funding to include additional long-term care acute hospitals (LTACs) and intermediate rehabilitation facilities (IRFs) as Medicaid providers, effective January 1, 2019. ($2.5 million)
   
   d. New funding for gene therapy drug coverage recently approved by the FDA. ($5.8 million)
   
   e. A reduction in projected Hospital Provider Payment Program revenue used for the state share of Low-Income Medicaid benefits expenditures. ($14.5 million)
   
   f. Additional funding for increases in Medicaid enrollment, medical services utilization and medical trend. ($31 million)

3. **State Health Benefit Plan**
   a. Additional funding for increases in SHBP membership, medical services utilization and medical trend. ($162 million)
   
   b. **Savings from Medicare Advantage Plan** rates in 2019. (-$42 million)
   
   c. Funds to ensure mental health benefit parity. ($3.6 million)

4. **Public Health**
   a. Recognition of $5.0 million in additional collections of Super Speeder and Reinstatement Fees and $805 thousand from the Fireworks Excise Tax for use by the Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission.
   
   b. Additional funds to promote the early diagnosis of Alzheimer’s Disease. ($350 thousand)

5. **Medical Education**
   a. New funds to the Mercer University School of Medicine to establish a four-year medical school campus in Columbus. ($9.3 million)
   
   b. Additional funding for Augusta University to seek National Cancer Institute designation. ($500 thousand)
6. **Health Care Access and Improvement**

   a. One-time funds to compensate **hospitals impacted by Hurricane Michael** located in rural counties with population less than 35,000 among the federally designated counties for Individual Assistance under the Georgia Disaster Declaration. Hospitals impacted include: Crisp Regional, Donalsonville, Grady General, Life Brite Community Hospital of Early, Memorial Hospital and Manor, Miller County, Mitchell County, Phoebe Sumter, Phoebe Worth and Southwest Georgia Regional Medical Center. ($2 million)

   b. Use of tobacco settlement funds to serve medically fragile children through the Easter Seals’ **Champions for Children** Program. ($128 thousand)