



September 16, 2020

The Honorable Ken Paxton  
Attorney General of Texas  
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Dear General Paxton:

The Texas Health and Safety Code, §311.045, requires nonprofit hospitals and hospital systems to report community benefits and charity care information to the Center for Health Statistics located in the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). It also requires DSHS to submit to the Attorney General and Comptroller, by July 1 of each year, a report listing each nonprofit hospital that did not meet the requirements of §311.045 for the preceding year. Due to COVID-19, the deadline was extended to October 1, 2020. This letter and accompanying documentation reports the status of those hospitals that did not meet the requirements.

DSHS identified two nonprofit hospitals that did not meet the standards of the 2019 Annual Statement of Community Benefits Standard (ASCBS): ContinueCARE Hospital at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene, and Grace Medical Center in Lubbock.

The report is available on the DSHS website at <https://dshs.texas.gov/legislative/Reports-2020.aspx>. If you would like more information, or have questions, Lara Lamprecht, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, serves as lead staff on this issue. Dr. Lamprecht can be reached by phone at 512-776-7792 or at [Lara.Lamprecht@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:Lara.Lamprecht@dshs.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

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