



August 11, 2022

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

Texas Health and Safety Code, [Section 311.045](#), requires nonprofit hospitals and hospital systems to report community benefits and charity care information to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Section 311.0455 requires DSHS to submit a report to the Attorney General and Comptroller that lists each nonprofit hospital that did not meet the requirements of the statute for the preceding fiscal year.

The statute requires DSHS to deliver the report by July 1 each year. This year, the Attorney General and Comptroller's offices agreed to extend the deadline for DSHS to submit the report until August 22, 2022, due to the timing of when DSHS receives the data.

DSHS did not find any nonprofit hospitals that did not meet the 2021 Annual Statement of Community Benefits Standard. Christus Santa Rosa Hospital in San Marcos did not submit a survey but is listed as a Disproportionate Share Hospital. DSH hospitals are not required to be included in this report because they provide a large amount of charity care. The report is available at [dshs.texas.gov/Legislative/Reports-2022.aspx](https://dshs.texas.gov/Legislative/Reports-2022.aspx)

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Dr. Lisa Wyman, Director of the Center for Health Statistics, serves as the lead staff on this matter. You can reach Dr. Wyman by telephone at (512) 776-3548 or by email at [lisa.wyman@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:lisa.wyman@dshs.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

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