April 11, 2019

It is time to complete the cooperative 2018 DSHS/AHA/THA Annual Survey of Hospitals (ASH) and Annual Statement of Community Benefits form (ASCB). The Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the Texas Hospital Association (THA), and the American Hospital Association (AHA) approved the combination of the ASH and the ASCB into a single questionnaire to reduce the reporting burden on Texas hospitals.

The joint 2018 ASH-ASCB survey is available online. The questions remain the same but the web-based tool will enable you to submit data online, making it easier and more efficient for you to respond. This enhancement offers benefits such as instant data verification and real-time reports; and ensures accuracy of your entry before submission.

The documents labeled “Getting Started,” “Walk-through the 2018 AHA Annual Survey,” “Overview,” and “Frequently Asked Questions” are located from our web site http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/hosp/. Please forward this packet to your designated ASH-ASCB Coordinator (provided on the attached “Getting Started” document). If your ASH-ASCB Coordinator’s name is missing or outdated, please send the contact information for the replacement ASH-ASCB Coordinator to Dwayne Collins at (512) 776-7261 or E-mail: Dwayne.Collins@dshs.texas.gov.

You can access the ASH-ASCB survey and enter your data via one of two websites: www.ahasurvey.org and www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/hosp/. You may print a hard copy from our web site, http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/chs/hosp/.

State laws (Health and Safety Code, Chapters 104, 311C, D, and 311.045(f)) require DSHS to collect aggregate financial, utilization, and other data from all licensed hospitals. Therefore, it is extremely important that all sections of the survey be completed fully and accurately.

According to rules adopted by the Texas Board of Health and Human Services, all hospitals are required to submit their survey data to DSHS within 60 days of receipt of this packet of information. Thus, the completion deadline for your ASH-ASCB survey is June 11, 2019. NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED. Please read the
instructions for completion of the online survey carefully. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in fines by the Office of the Attorney General. If you have questions, please contact Dwayne Collins by phone at (512) 776-7261 or E-mail at Dwayne.Collins@dshs.texas.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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