



February 22, 2024

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

Texas Health and Safety Code (HSC), Section 311.045 requires nonprofit hospitals and hospital systems to report community and charity care information to the Department of State Health Services (DSHS). A hospital system can report the required information as individual hospitals or as a system. HSC Section 311.0455 requires DSHS to submit an annual report with specific financial information about these hospitals during the preceding year. The statute requires DSHS to deliver the report by November 1 each year. This year, an extension was granted to February 23, 2024, due to the timing of when DSHS received the data.

In the previous DSHS July report, one hospital, CHI St. Luke's Health Baylor College of Medicine Medical Center, did not meet the 2022 Annual Statement of Community Benefits Standard (ASCBS) and did not indicate that it wished to be considered as part of the CHI system. CHI St. Luke's Health Baylor College of Medicine Medical Center has since indicated it would like to be included in the CHI system, making it compliant with reporting requirements.

The report is available at dshs.texas.gov/Legislative/Reports-2023.aspx.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Dr. Varun Shetty, Chief State Epidemiologist, serves as the lead staff on this matter. He can be reached by telephone at (512) 776-2353 or by email at Varun.Shetty@dshs.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

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DSHS Commissioner