



October 8, 2024

The Honorable Ken Paxton
Attorney General of Texas
P.O. Box 12528
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Attorney General Paxton:

Texas Health and Safety Code (HSC), Section [311.045](#), requires nonprofit hospitals and hospital systems to report community benefits and charity care information to the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). HSC, Section [311.0455](#), requires DSHS to submit an annual report listing each nonprofit hospital that did not meet the requirements during the preceding fiscal year. The statute requires DSHS to deliver the report by July 1 each year. This year, an extension was granted to October 28, 2024, due to the timing of data availability.

All nonprofit hospitals required to submit the 2023 Annual Statement of Community Benefits met obligations for community benefits and charity care reporting.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information. Jordan Hill-Shepherd, Director of Government Affairs, serves as the lead staff on this matter, and she can be reached by telephone at (512) 221-3755 or by email at jordan.hill@dshs.texas.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. A. Shuford, MD".

Jennifer A. Shuford, M.D., M.P.H.
DSHS Commissioner