



March 12, 2020

The joint 2019 Annual Survey of Hospitals-Annual Statement of Community Benefits survey (ASH-ASCB) is now available online for data submission. Texas law requires all state-licensed hospitals to submit aggregate financial, utilization, and other data each year to the Department of State Health Services (see [Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 311, Subchapters C and D](#)). This survey—a cooperative effort between the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS), the American Hospital Association, and the Texas Hospital Association—is the instrument used to collect the information required by statute. It is therefore imperative that you accurately complete all sections of the combined survey.

You have been identified as the ASH-ASCB designated coordinator for your facility/system. If this is in error, please forward this letter to the current designated coordinator. Please notify Dwayne Collins at DSHS if there are any changes to the designated coordinator contact information.

Links to the survey as well as several reference and guidance documents are available on the DSHS website (<https://dshs.texas.gov/chs/hosp/hosp2.aspx>). Please read all survey instructions carefully.

By rule, hospitals are required to submit their survey data to DSHS within 60 days of receiving this information. **The completion deadline for your ASH-ASCB survey is May 12, 2020. NO EXTENSIONS WILL BE GRANTED.** Any hospital failing to submit data as statutorily required is subject to fines by the Texas 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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