

Your Health: Hospital profits vary

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How much money do the region's hospitals make?

Virginia Health Information recently released its 2012 Industry Report on hospitals and nursing facilities. The report details specifics about health care facilities, including how much money they have left after paying their bills (profit in the case of for-profit facilities), how much charity care they do, staffing patterns, how busy they are and how efficient they are at managing costs.

Virginia Health Information is a private, nonprofit agency that collects and reports health data under a contract with the state.

Much of the VHI data are available online at www.vhi.org. Since it takes time to collect and process the data, the site is often a year behind.

Here are some numbers from the report. Excess is revenue and gains in excess of expenses and losses. Margin is the difference between total revenue and cost as a proportion of total revenue. Charity care includes charity care, bad debt and taxes in relation to total expenses. Depending on the hospital or health system, the data cover the fiscal year that ended June 30, Aug. 31 or Dec. 31 in 2011.

Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center, \$9.3 million excess (3 percent margin), 10 percent charity care.

Bon Secours Richmond Community Hospital, \$313,061 excess (0.53 percent margin), 21 percent charity care.

Bon Secours St. Francis Medical Center, \$12.4 million excess (6 percent margin), 11 percent charity care.

Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, \$57.6 million excess (12 percent margin), 7 percent charity care.

HCA CJW Medical Center (includes Chippenham and Johnston-Willis hospitals), \$80.6 million excess (12 percent margin), 17 percent charity care.

HCA Henrico Doctors' Hospital, (includes Parham, Forest and Retreat campuses), \$50.4 million excess (11 percent margin), 10 percent charity care

HCA John Randolph Medical Center, \$3.1 million loss (-4 percent margin), 11 percent charity care

Southside Regional Medical Center, \$12.4 million excess (6 percent margin), 23 percent charity

care.

VCU Health System, \$111.2 million excess (10 percent margin), 7 percent charity care

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