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Functional healthcare markets require transparency and competition. When hospitals obscure their prices, consumers cannot demand high-quality, low-cost care. When corporate hospital systems obtain tax exemptions without honoring the requirements of being public charities and are noncompliant with all requirements of the Hospital Price Transparency Rule, they rob communities of critical revenues necessary to support schools, emergency responders, and vital infrastructure, and increase the burdens on public and private employers and other taxpayers.

As a supplement to our Third Semi-Annual Hospital Price Transparency Compliance Report, we reviewed two hospitals that have been acquired by Tower Health, Phoenixville Hospital and Pottstown Hospital. In light of both hospitals' intent to claim tax-exempt status, we thought it prudent to review whether they were in compliance with the federal Hospital Price Transparency Rule, which serves the public good by enabling consumers – patients, workers, employers, unions, and taxpayers – to lower their costs through transparency, competition, and choice.

Our review found both hospitals to be noncompliant. Both Phoenixville Hospital and Pottstown Hospital seek tax-exempt status while failing to comply with the Hospital Price Transparency Rule.

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| | 1 | Phoenixville Hospital | Phoenixville | PA | Noncompliant | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | Ν | Y | Y | Standard Charges File fails to provide an adequate amount of negotiated rates. | 08/08/2022 |
| - | 2 | Pottstown Hospital | Pottstown | PA | Noncompliant | N | Y | Y | Y | Y | Y | N | Y | N | Y | Y | Standard Charges File fails to provide an adequate amount of negotiated rates. | 08/08/2022 |