

Errata:

An Evaluation of the Proposed

USC Health System / Methodist Hospital of Southern California Affiliation

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In the first sentence of footnotes 19, 80, and 97 “community benefits” should be replaced by “charity care,” as follows:

\$3.7 million is the 2018-2020 three-year average of charity care provided by MHSC <https://oag.ca.gov/charities/nonprofithosp#mhsc-suppl> (accessed April 7, 2021). The annual totals from 2018 to 2020 were \$3.2 million, \$4.1 million, and \$3.8 million <https://www.methodisthospital.org/About-Us/Community-Reports.aspx> (accessed April 7, 2022). 3.3% is the average annual increase in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA Medical Care Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 2018-2020. https://data.bls.gov/timeseries/CUURS49ASAM?amp%253bdata_tool=XGtable&output_view=data&include_graphs=true (accessed April 7, 2022). The three annual measures of the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA Medical Care CPI used to calculate this average annual increase were 475.7 (2018), 483.5 (2019), and 505.3 (2020). HCAI defines charity care in relation to bad debt. A patient’s accounts receivable is written off as bad debt if he/she has the ability to pay but is unwilling to pay off the account. The inability to pay defines charity care. <https://hcai.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Chpt1000-1.pdf> (May 1992; accessed April 7, 2022).