

# For-Profit vs. Not-For-Profit Healthcare

## HOW DO THEY COMPARE?

There are many similarities and some differences between for-profit health systems and not-for-profit health systems. Here are some important ones that you should know:

	FOR-PROFIT HOSPITAL/HEALTH SYSTEM	NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOSPITAL/HEALTH SYSTEM
Treats Medicare/Medicaid Patients	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
Provides charity care/uncompensated care	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
Reinvests profits into community programs	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
Pays taxes	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Governed by volunteer community members	<b>NO</b>	<b>YES</b>
Publicly reports annual financial results	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
Is regulated by federal healthcare agencies	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
Must be accredited by an independent third-party agency	<b>YES</b>	<b>YES</b>
Has shareholders who benefit from the organization's operational success	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>



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