

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	YES	YES
Provides charity care/uncompensated care	YES	YES
Reinvests profits into community programs	YES	YES
Pays taxes	YES	NO
Governed by volunteer community members	NO	YES
Publicly reports annual financial results	YES	YES
Is regulated by federal healthcare agencies	YES	YES
Must be accredited by an independent third-party agency	YES	YES
Has shareholders who benefit from the organization's operational success	YES	NO



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