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# HCA's Commitments

HCA's 15 commitments fall into four categories.

retain  
services and  
hospitals

invest in  
facilities

invest in  
community  
health and  
wellbeing

other  
commitments

## Retain Services and Hospitals

- 1 Keeping material facilities open for at least 10 years (*until 2029*).
- 2 Continuing specified services for at least 10 years (*until 2029*), with relief available under limited circumstances after 5 years for the 5 Local Hospitals.
- 3 Dogwood has a right to bid if hospitals are planned to be closed or sold.
- 4 Continue Long Term Acute Care services at St. Joseph campus for 2 years.  
*Note: this commitment expired on Jan 31, 2021. This commitment has been satisfied.*

# What are the material facilities, and what are the specified services?

The material facilities include Mission Hospital, Angel Medical Center, Blue Ridge Regional Hospital, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Mission Hospital McDowell, Transylvania Regional Hospital, CarePartners Rehabilitation Hospital and the Mission Children’s Hospital – Reuter Outpatient Center.

## Summary of protected services

### Mission Hospital

- A** Inpatient and outpatient services
  - Behavioral health
  - Cardiac services
  - Emergency and trauma services
  - General medicine services
  - Imaging and diagnostic services
  - Neuro trauma services
  - Obstetrical services
  - Oncology services
  - Pediatric services
  - Surgical services
- B** Graduate medical evaluation
- C** Program for All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

### CarePartners & Mission Children’s Hospital

- A** Care partners
  - Inpatient rehabilitation
  - Outpatient rehabilitation
  - Orthotics & prosthetics
- B** Home health and private duty nursing
- C** Hospice
- D** Mission children’s hospital reuter outpatient service:
  - Pediatric specialty outpatient clinics

*Service detail example:*  
IP and OP cancer services, radiation therapy, surgery, chemotherapy and infusion services.

## Five Local Hospitals

### Angel Medical Center

- Emergency services
- Surgical services
- Acute medical services

### Blue Ridge Regional Hospital

- Emergency services
- Surgical services
- Acute medical services

### Highlands-Cashiers Hospital

- Emergency services
- Surgical services
- Acute medical services
- Eckerd Living Center (skilled nursing facility)

### Mission Hospital McDowell

- Emergency services
- Surgical services
- Acute medical services
- OB/GYN services

### Transylvania Regional Hospital

- Emergency services
- Surgical services
- Acute medical services
- Transitional care unit (skilled nursing facility)

## Invest in Facilities

- 5 Complete the new Mission Hospital North Tower *Note: Opened in late 2019. This commitment has been satisfied.*
- 6 Build a new 120-bed behavioral health hospital in Asheville within 5 years of obtaining the necessary permits. *Note: Sweeten Creek Mental Health & Wellness Center opened in November 2023. This commitment has been satisfied.*
- 7 Build a replacement hospital for Angel Medical Center within 5 years of obtaining the necessary permits. *Note: New Angel Medical Center opened September 2022. This commitment has been satisfied.*
- 8 Spend \$232 million in general capital expenditure within 5 years. *Note: Expenditure threshold reached in 2022. This commitment has been satisfied.*

## Invest in Community Health and Wellbeing

- 9 Commit to invest \$25 million in an innovation fund.
- 10 Spend \$750,000 per year in Community Contributions in years 2 through 10. *Note: This commitment applies from January 31, 2020.*
- 11 Continue certain community activities, services and programs for at least 12 months. *Note: This commitment expired January 31, 2020. This commitment has been satisfied.*
- 12 For 10 years (*until 2029*), maintain the agreed Uninsured and Charity Care policy, and thereafter, maintain policies for the treatment of indigent patients.

## Other Commitments

- 13 Provide graduate medical education (“GME”) for 10 years at no less than the current [2018/19] levels, subject to the availability of similar GME funding.
- 14 Participate in Medicare and Medicaid programs for at least 10 years.
- 15 Each year, provide an Annual Report and Cap Ex Report that summarize compliance with certain terms of the agreement. *Note: Cap Ex has been satisfied and is no longer required.*