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North Louisiana Safety Net Hospitals Unfairly Targeted With Significantly Worse Private Partnership Agreement

Among the nine public private partnerships throughout the state, only the two safety net hospitals in North Louisiana are being singled out by the state and LSU for significantly worse terms in new operating agreements.

“We cannot sign an agreement that unfairly targets the Shreveport and Monroe hospitals while putting the healthcare of North Louisiana citizens at risk,” said Steve Skrivanos, chairman of the University Health board of directors. “The citizens of North Louisiana should demand transparency from the state and LSU about what is really going on here.”

All of the other safety net hospitals have signed new agreements. “The Shreveport and Monroe hospitals would have a signed agreement as well if we had been offered the same type of terms as New Orleans, Baton Rouge and Lafayette instead of significantly different ones,” said Skrivanos.

“The BRF was asked by the state and LSU to step in and save the Shreveport and Monroe hospitals from closure in 2013 and it did,” said Skrivanos. “The state agrees that the BRF and University Health partnership have saved taxpayers more than any of the other partner hospitals, more than \$100 million since 2013. Why is this North Louisiana partnership now being discriminated against when it comes to a fair and reasonable new deal?”

The chart below are some examples of the significant differences in the agreements:

	Compels Payment of \$37 Million Without the Assurance and Protection of State Support	Compels Monthly DSH Payments	Compels Payment for Money Not Owed	Adds New Grounds for Termination of CEA	Restricts Ownership and Use of Privately Owned Software and Compels Gift of Software to LSU	Requires Payment of Millions of Dollars Rather Than Recoupment Against Withheld State Funds
University Health	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Our Lady of the Angels	No	No	No	No	No	No
Our Lady of the Lake	No	No	No	No	No	No
Lake Charles Memorial Hospital	No	No	No	No	No	No
Louisiana Children's Medical Center/University Medical Center	No	No	No	No	No	No
Lafayette General	No	No	No	No	No	No
Christus Health Central Louisiana/Rapides Healthcare	No	No	No	No	No	No
HSD No. 1, Parish of Terrebonne	No	No	No	No	No	No



When the agreements with other private partner hospitals are compared, the discrimination against North Louisiana hospitals includes:

- No other private partner was required to increase its payments to LSU without the assurance and protection that state funding would be given to support the increase; yet \$37 million is being demanded from us without adequate state funding.
- No other private partner is forced to surrender millions of dollars in private property to LSU (electronic health records software and licensing) for no compensation.
- No other private partner is restricted in the use of its private property.
- No other private partner is compelled to accept payments for indigent care in monthly installments, restricting its ability to make new investments in health care.
- No other private partner must make immediate payments to the state rather than offsetting those against the tens of millions of dollars owed to it by the state.
- No other private partner has had new grounds for termination added to its agreement.

The BRF for nearly 30 years has worked in the best interests of the people of North Louisiana and will continue to cooperate with LSU and the state to provide high quality and accessible care at our hospitals and outstanding medical education for our region.