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Auditor General DeFoor Releases Tobacco Settlement Fund Audits for 17 Health Care Facilities in 14 Counties

HARRISBURG – Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor today announced the release of tobacco settlement fund audits for 17 health care facilities in Allegheny, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Columbia, Jefferson, Luzerne, McKean, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland and Wyoming counties.

"Our audits ensure hospitals have documentation to support the receipt of tobacco settlement funds before receiving reimbursement for uncompensated care," DeFoor said.

Reached in 1998, the landmark Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement settled state lawsuits brought against tobacco companies to recover costs associated with treating smoking-related illnesses. Pennsylvania's Tobacco Settlement Act (Act 77 of 2001) allocated some of the billions of dollars in settlement funds to reimburse hospitals for providing care to uninsured patients.

The audit reports are linked below or available online at www.PaAuditor.gov/audit-reports.

Allegheny County

Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Harmarville

UPMC East

UPMC McKeesport

Bedford County

UPMC Bedford

Blair County

Penn Highlands Tyrone

UPMC Altoona

Cambria County

Conemaugh Miners Medical Center

Columbia County

Berwick Hospital Center

Jefferson County

Penn Highlands Brookville

Luzerne County

[Geisinger Wyoming Valley](#)

McKean County

[Bradford Regional Medical Center](#)

Montgomery County

[Avenues Recovery Medical Center at Valley Forge](#)

Philadelphia County

[St. Christopher's Hospital for Children](#)

Somerset County

[UPMC Somerset](#)

Washington County

[Penn Highlands Mon Valley](#)

Westmoreland County

[Excela Health Frick Hospital](#)

Wyoming County

[Tyler Memorial Hospital](#)

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