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Auditor General DeFoor Releases Tobacco Settlement Fund Audits for **17 Health Care Facilities in 13 Counties**

HARRISBURG - Auditor General Timothy L. DeFoor today announced the release of tobacco settlement fund audits for 17 health care facilities in Allegheny, Berks, Bucks, Clearfield, Erie, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northumberland, Philadelphia, Potter, Union and Venango 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 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 Jefferson Regional Medical Center UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh **UPMC Magee Womens Hospital UPMC** Presbyterian Shadyside **Bucks County** Lower Bucks Hospital **Clearfield County** Penn Highlands Dubois **Erie County** Millcreek Community Hospital **UPMC Hamot** Lancaster County Lancaster General Hospital Lawrence County

UPMC Jameson

Lehigh County

St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem

Montgomery County

Suburban Community Hospital

Northumberland County

St. Luke's Hospital

Philadelphia County

Roxborough Memorial Hospital

Potter County

UPMC Cole

Union County

Evangelical Community Hospital

Venango County

UPMC Northwest

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