

Comparative Health System Performance Initiative: Compendium of U.S. Health Systems, 2018, Hospital Linkage File, Technical Documentation

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Appendix A. Non-Federal General Acute Care Flag

In the Compendium of U.S. Health Systems, 2018, all health systems were required to have at least one non-Federal general acute care hospital. The hospital linkage file includes a flag that identifies non-Federal general acute care hospitals—those in Compendium systems and not in systems. In this appendix, we provide additional details about the construction of the non-Federal general acute care hospital flag.

The non-Federal general acute care hospital flag in the hospital linkage file denotes hospitals that were identified as non-Federal general acute care hospitals in at least one data source (AHA or IQVIA) used to develop the Compendium of U.S. Health Systems, 2018. Table A.1 describes how non-Federal general acute care hospitals were identified in each data source.

Table A.1. Definitions of non-Federal general acute care hospitals

Data Source	Description of Non-Federal General Acute Care Hospitals
AHA	(1) Not Air Force, Army, Navy, Public Health Service, Veterans Affairs, Federal other, Indian Health Service, or Department of Justice facilities and (2) the hospital provides one or more of the following services: general medical and surgical or children's general medical and surgical care or is a critical access hospital or a major or minor teaching hospital based on resident-to-bed ratio.
IQVIA	(1) Not a government or Veterans Affairs-owned/run facility and (2) flagged as an acute care general hospital, critical access hospital, or children's hospital.

If a hospital was considered a general acute care hospital in at least one of these data sources, we flagged it as such in the hospital linkage file.

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