

The Love of Money?

Ascension Health System Exposed

Was the culture of pursuing money over patient care the cause of Grace's death?

	Fiscal Year 2020	Fiscal Year 2021	Increase	Percentage Increase
Revenue	\$ 25,300,000,000	\$ 27,200,000,000	\$ 1,900,000,000	8%
Profit	\$ 1,200,000,000	\$ 5,700,000,000	\$ 4,500,000,000	375%
Cash	\$ 17,000,000,000	\$ 26,000,000,000	\$ 9,000,000,000	53%

It's impossible to increase profit by more than the sales increase without a significant outside event!

Ascension Health System (nation's largest Catholic health system) Facts:

CEO Compensation	\$ 13,000,000	
Federal Bailout Grants Received	\$ 1,800,000,000	
Taxes paid ("Not for Profit")	\$ 0	
Number of hospitals	142	
Number of hospital beds	28000	
Estimated CARES Act bonus payments	\$ 8,300,000,000	explains cash increase (outside event)
Estimated COVID death payments	\$ 109,000,000	

Per Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) whistleblowers, the average CARES Act bonus is at least \$100,000 per COVID patient. Hospitals receive:

- * Fee for each "free" required PCR test in the Emergency Room or upon admission for every patient
- * Added bonus payment for each positive COVID-19 diagnosis
- * Another bonus for a COVID-19 admission to the hospital
- * A 20% "boost" bonus payment from Medicare on the *entire hospital bill* for use of Remdesivir
- * ICU bonus for patients on Precedex
- * Large bonus payment to the hospital if a COVID-19 patient is mechanically ventilated
- * More money if cause of death is listed as COVID-19, even if patient did not die directly of COVID-19

If COVID is cured, the "free" money stops flowing!

Ascension Facts Related to Grace's Death (St. Elizabeth Campus, Appleton, Wisconsin):

Percent ICU bed capacity when she died	100%
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Daily amount received from Medicaid	\$ 1,680
COVID death bonus received	\$ 13,000
Medicine administration grade	F (45%) avg hospital = 86%
Avg cost oxygen saturation lead for Grace	\$ 78 only 3 charges in 7 days!