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## **S&P Not-For-Profit Acute Health Care State Snapshot: Maryland**

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S&P Global Ratings has 10 public ratings on Maryland not-for-profit acute-care providers, split evenly between health systems and stand-alone hospitals. We also rate Maryland-based Bon Secours Mercy Health, although we have excluded it from this ratio analysis because the system no longer operates acute-care hospitals in the state. Given that the state and location in which providers operate can significantly influence health-care delivery, from underlying demographic trends to the legislative and competitive environment, market-specific factors provide a crucial backdrop for our analysis of an entity's overall credit profile. This report aims to provide greater analytical insights from the sample of issuers compared with acute-care providers across the country and to supplement our top-level and national credit views on the not-for-profit health-care sector.

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