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The long-term rating on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Hospital Authority (CMHA), N.C.’s bonds reflects: A sound business position as the larger of two major healthcare systems in the nine-county Charlotte region; A sound balance sheet characterized by moderate and declining leverage and ample and rebounding liquidity, including reserves at two nonobligated foundations that are closely tied to, but legally distinct from, the authority; Adequate income in fiscal 2000 after significant onetime charges in 1999; A strong and stable management team that has pruned underperforming businesses as needed; and The region's strong economy and growing population. The short-term rating reflects a standby bond purchase agreement from Bank of America N.A. that expires on Aug. 8, 2001. The standby usually renews annually. The long-term...

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