Summary: CareAlliance Health Services Inc., South Carolina; System Jan 11

Description: Abstract
Standard & Poor's Ratings Services affirmed its 'A-' long-term and underlying ratings (SPURs) on bonds issued by Charleston County, S.C., and South Carolina Jobs-Economic Development Authority for CareAlliance Health Services Inc. (CareAlliance), doing business as Roper St. Francis Healthcare (RSFH). The outlook remains negative. The outlook reflects CareAlliance's balance sheet and debt service coverage metrics that in our view remain light for the rating; CareAlliance carries a high debt load in order to fund its strategic plan. Although CareAlliance continues to post healthy operating performances, the weak balance sheet metrics and high debt burden create pressure on the overall financial profile. Management has implemented a plan to recover balance sheet strength, and feels confident that the organization will meet its...

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