

## NASHP's Hospital Cost Tool Employers' Forum of Indiana November 13, 2020

## NASHP Hospital Cost Tool

- Developed by the National Academy for State Health Policy (NASHP) with support from Arnold Ventures:
  - Help purchasers and regulators better understand hospital costs
  - Can be used as a complement to recent findings reported in RAND Corp.'s <u>Nationwide Evaluation of</u> <u>Health Care Prices Paid by Private Health Plans</u>
- Officials from several states have reviewed the tool and expressed interest in leveraging its analysis of their hospitals in different ways:
  - Pursuing a more robust insurance rate review;
  - Including results in analysis of hospital mergers;
  - Further informing hospital global budget parameters;
  - Analysis of Hospital Community Benefit and Charity Care costs; and
  - Negotiating hospital reimbursement as a reference to Medicare rates.



#### **Employers Using NASHP Hospital Cost Tool**

- Data Entry from Hospital Medicare Cost Report
  - The only national, public source of hospital costs
  - Submitted to CMS by all hospitals serving Medicare patients hospital level data
  - https://www.nashp.org/hospital-cost-tool
- Working with Employee Health Plans
  - Information that has not been available to healthcare purchasers
  - o Starting point for hospital discussions and rate negotiations, instead of discount off charge master
  - RAND 3.0 comparisons
  - Hospital quality or efficiency measures not included in tool
- Collaboration with RICE University
  - Link Hospital Cost Tool to HCRIS data
  - o National, State, Regional, Hospital Type comparisons and benchmarking



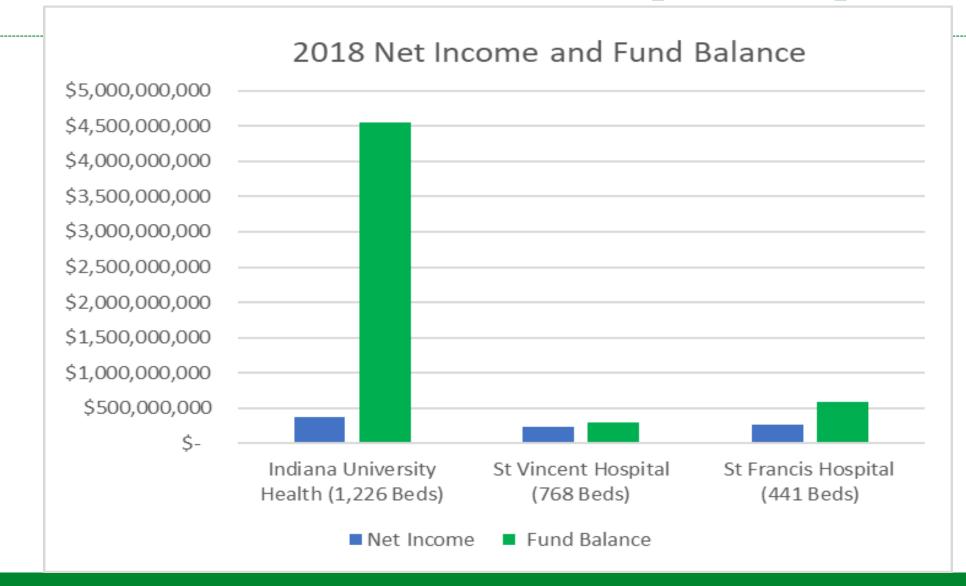
# Data Entry

2) Reserves, Revenue and Net Income		
Financial Statement Items		Source (Medicare Cost Report)
Reserves	\$ 296,685,967	Worksheet G-1, Columns 2, 4, 6, 8, Line 19
Patient Revenues (Charge Master Rates)	\$ 4,244,641,231	Worksheet G-3, Column 1, Line 1
Net Patient Revenue reported on MCR	\$ 1,301,504,495	Worksheet G-3, Column 1, Line 3
Total Operating Costs per MCR	\$ 1,141,577,835	Worksheet G-3, Column 1, Line 4
Other Income	\$ 80,008,148	Worksheet G-3, Column 1, Line 25
Other Expense	\$ -	Worksheet G-3, Column 1, Line 28
Net Income Reported on MCR	\$ 239,934,808	Worksheet G-3, Column 1, Line 29
Total Hospital Costs for CCR	\$ 839,905,763	Worksheet C, Part I, Column 5, Row 202
Total Hospital Charges for CCR	\$ 4,034,289,911	Worksheet C, Part I, Column 8, Row 202

MCR = Medicare Cost Report CCR = Cost to Charge Ratio

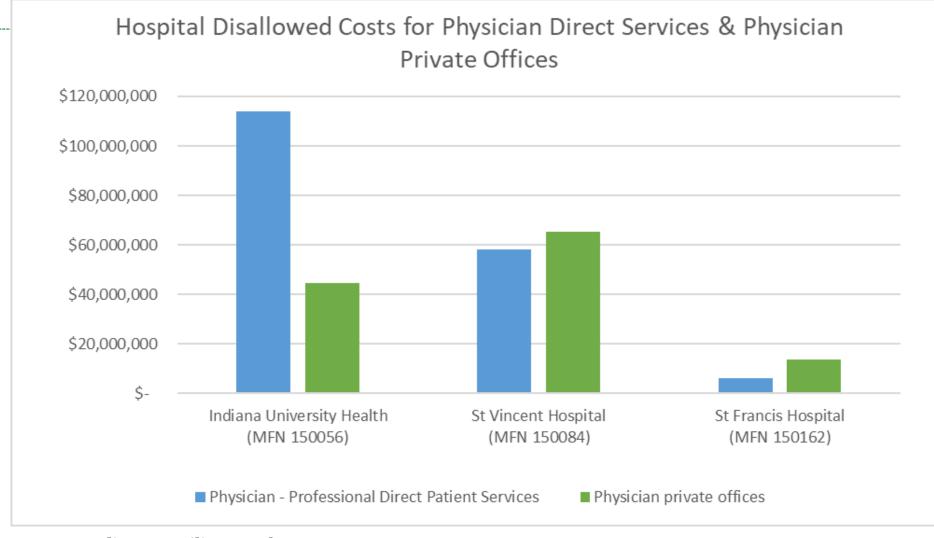


## Three Not for Profit Indianapolis Hospitals



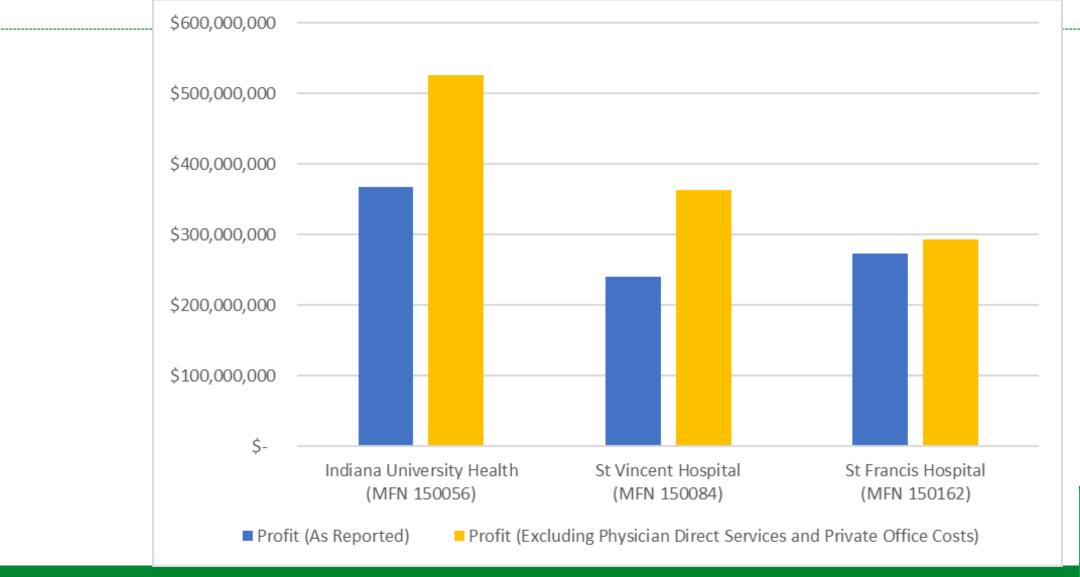


#### Excluded Physician Costs (2018)



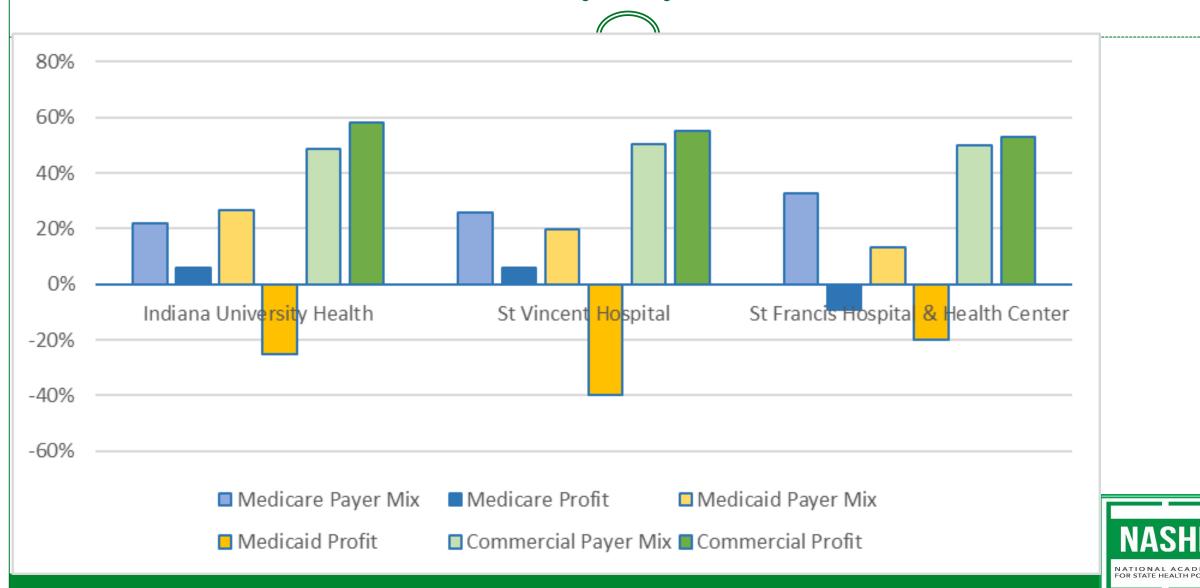


## Hospital Profits (2018)

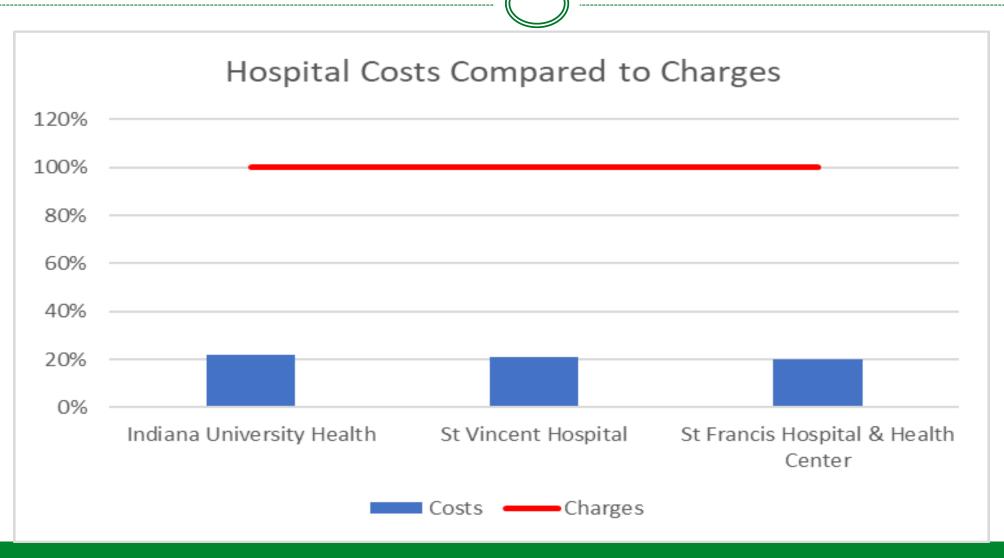




# Profit (Loss) by Payer Mix (2018)

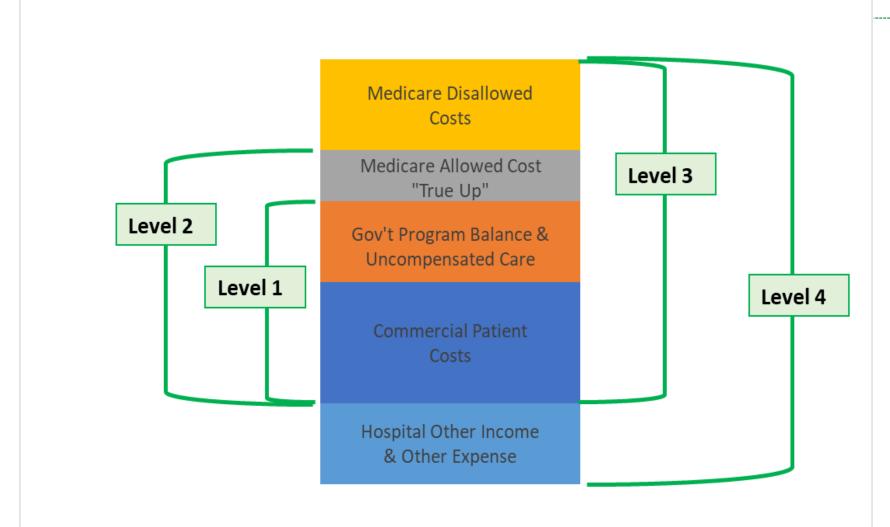


## Cost to Charge Ratio (2018)





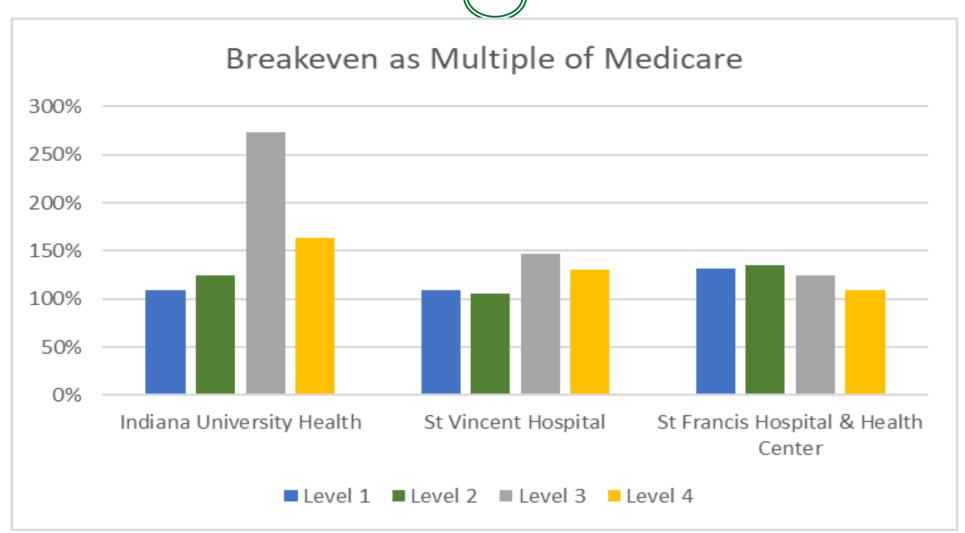
## Four Levels of Hospital Breakeven



- Points where Revenue = Expense
- What should Commercial Payers Cover?
- Negotiations Where do we start?

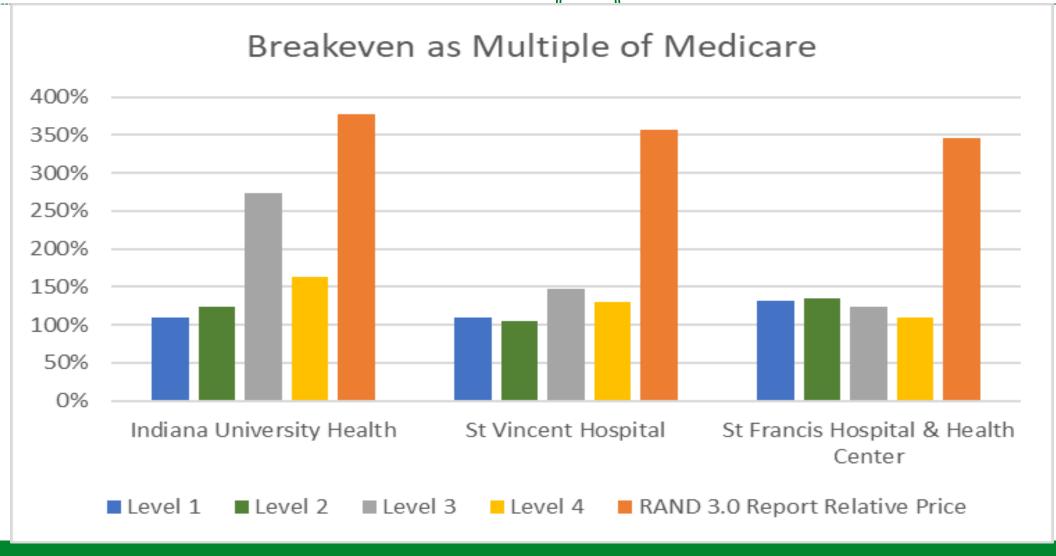


### Breakeven Points (2018)





## Comparison to RAND 3.0 (2018)





## **Moving Forward**

NASHP working with stakeholders on quality and efficiency measures

• Employer Forums and Purchasing Coalitions – Quality Metrics, Hospital Cost Tool, and RAND 3.0

Rice University data base - opportunities



# Thank You

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