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STATE AUDITOR LESLIE MERRITT COMMENTS ON DSH SETTLEMENT

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State Auditor Leslie Merritt has issued the following comments regarding the settlement agreement between the U.S. Govt., State of NC and several NC hospitals:

“I believe that the three issues that matter most to North Carolina taxpayers are: getting the lowest settlement as possible under the circumstances; lessening the financial burden on hospitals to enable them to continue to provide indigent care; and taking proactive steps to ensure that these mistakes don’t happen again.”

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