

U.S. Not-for-Profit Acute Health Care: Industry Update and 2023 Outlook

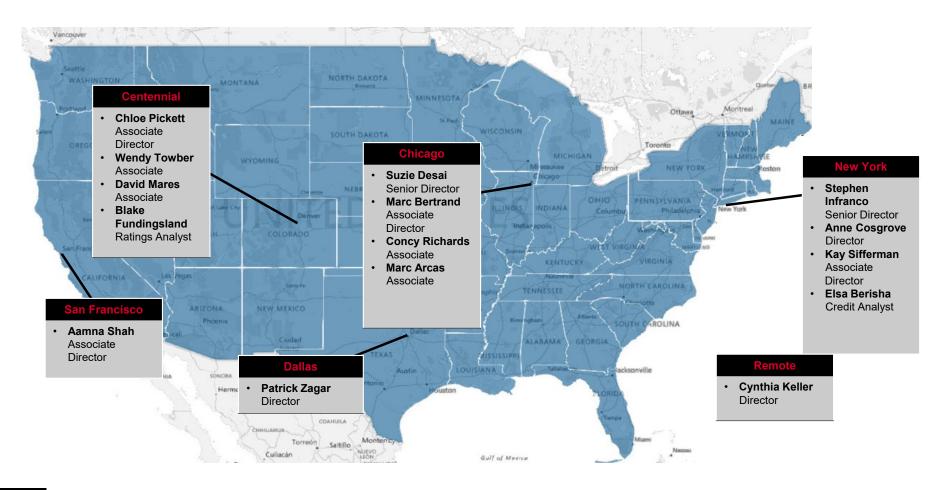
A Long Road Ahead



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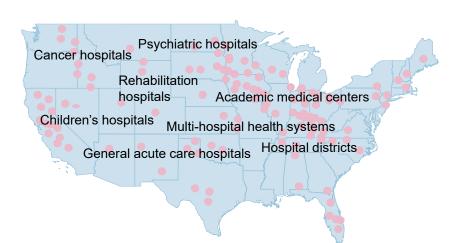
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U.S. Not-For-Profit Health Care Team



U.S. Public Finance Healthcare Ratings Universe

 Not-for-profit, acute care stand-alone hospitals and health care systems, senior living facilities, and human service providers (approximately 500 ratings in total).

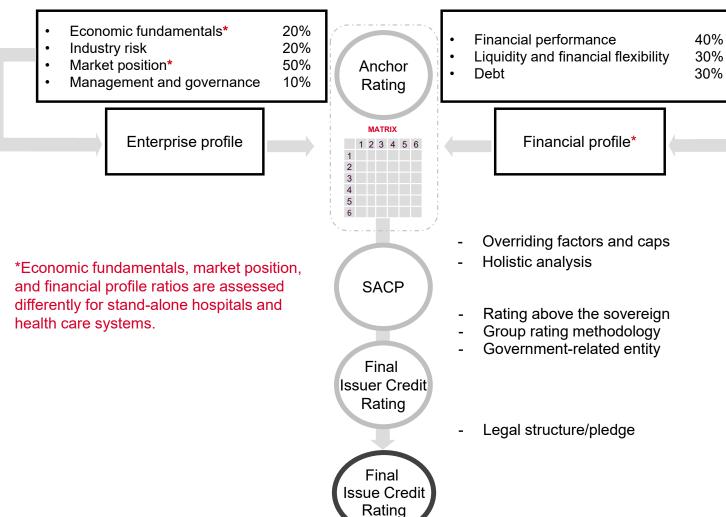


Latest criteria update:

Revised criteria for U.S. and Canadian Not-for-Profit Acute Care Health Care Organizations released

March 19, 2018

Analytical Framework - Not-for-Profit Acute Health Care credits



Not-for-Profit Acute Health Care

Total Operating Revenues Range from \$95 Billion...



Kaiser Permanente

TOR: \$95,408 Million

Latest Rating Action

Affirmation



CommonSpirit Health

TOR: \$33,907 Million

Latest Rating Action

Affirmation



Ascension Health Alliance

TOR: \$27,975 Million

Latest Rating Action





Providence St. Joseph

TOR: \$26,434 Million

Latest Rating Action





TOR: \$25,532 Million

Latest Rating Action



... to \$21 Million.











Hospital

Bibb County Healthcare **Authority**

Winkler County Hospital **District**

TOR: \$47.6 Million

TOR: \$41.2 Million

TOR: \$27.9 Million

TOR: \$22.9 Million

TOR: \$21.3 Million

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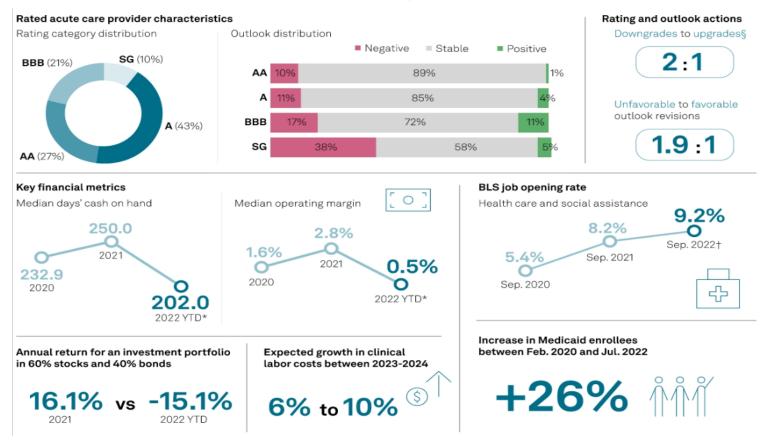
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Key Take Aways Leading To <u>Negative</u> Sector View For Acute Health Care

- Continued cash flow compression. We believe many hospitals, though not all, will be in a tighter space for credit quality given higher labor costs, inflationary expenses, and a mixed revenue outlook.
- Waning unrestricted reserves. Unrestricted reserves and a generally low leveraged sector supported credit quality in 2022, however, without cash flow growth or investment rebound, the overall balance sheet could be less supportive of credit quality in 2023.
- Expected negative bias in ratings and outlooks. Negative outlooks have increased through the second half of the year and we expect a continuation of that trend with more negative outlooks and downgrades in 2023, though there will continue to be affirmations for many of our credits that are well positioned at their rating, both financially and enterprise-wise.

U.S. Not-For-Profit Health Care: By The Numbers



Data as of Oct. 31, 2022. *Includes only available audits and full year unaudited statements (S&P Global data). §Excludes upgrades related to merger & acquisition activity. †September is preliminary data. SG--speculative grade. Sources: S&P Global Ratings Data; Wall Street Journal, Leuthold Group, Nov. 12, 2022; McKinsey & Company analysis ("The gathering storm: The transformative impact of inflation on the healthcare sector," Sept. 19, 2022); U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (seasonally adjusted data); Kaiser Family Foundation. Copyright © 2022 by Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC. All rights reserved.

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U.S Not-for-Profit Health Care: What We're Watching



Labor challenges

We expect labor expenses to be the largest driver of operating challenges and a drag on earnings



Revenue and demand

With staffing-related capacity challenges and volume uncertainty, predictions have become more difficult



Cash flow compression

Performance
improvement initiatives
are important credit
considerations but we
anticipate weak margins
and some covenant
breaches



Balance sheet flexibility

Market volatility has eroded much of the cushion gained during the pandemic. Balance sheet trends will inform rating stability



Length and depth of a recession

A recession could exacerbate cash flow challenges and pressure investment earnings



Governmental funding and policy

The end of COVID-19 relief funding along with broader scrutiny on providers remain risks



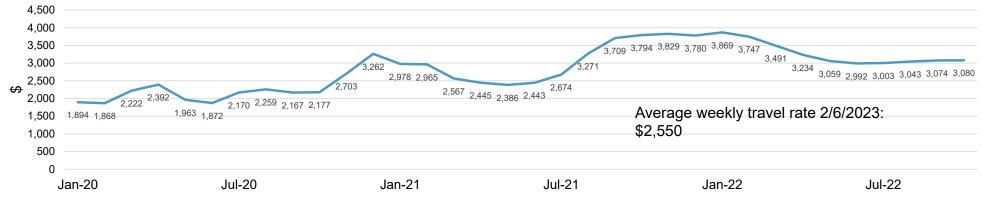
Event risks

Increased cybersecurity and weather events could further reduce flexibility at a time of operating stress

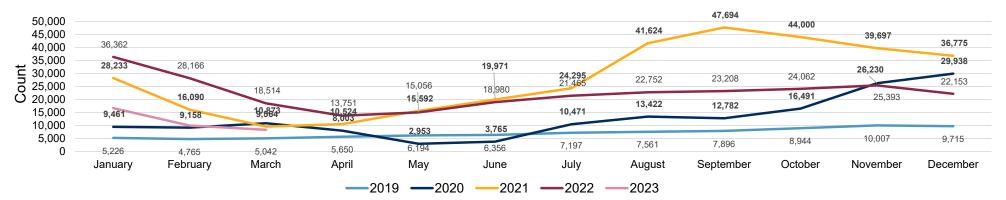


Labor Improving, But Not Back To Pre-Pandemic Levels

National Average Weekly Rate For Travel Nurses



National Travel Nursing Job Volume



Source: Vivian Health, data through October 2022 (from https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/travel-nurse-pay-high-hospitals-staffing/637412/); Aya Health Care Staffing Data



Additional Drivers of Margin Compression

Revenues & Demand

Volume uncertainty

- Full volume recovery yet to be achieved
- Acuity and mix of volumes could permanently shift, particularly for certain community hospitals
- Demand impacted by higher cost staff and labor availability (including at SNFs)

Payor mix shifts & reimbursement

- PHE/stimulus over last few years may have masked broader trend of growing governmental payor mix
- Reimbursement not keeping up with expense growth & continued push to value based reimbursement from some payors
- Reduction in PHE related payments and other COVID-19 related funds

Migration of services to outpatient setting

- Continued growth area and access to new patients, but less profitable than inpatient
- Increased competition for outpatient services from other providers and nontraditional players drives need to invest

Other expense considerations

- Pharmaceuticals and supply expenses continue to grow
- Recent wage adjustments and union negotiations have embedded and extended higher expenses for some providers
- Recession could increase bad debt

2023 Federal Developments & Policy Views

It's no longer 2020/2021

- End of COVID-19 stimulus funds may leave hole in some budgets with FEMA funds more limited and uncertain
- Sequestration restarted in 2022
- 2% physician cuts in 2023
- DSH cuts to begin in 2024

End of Public Health Emergency

- Medicaid eligibility redetermination to shift payor mix over coming year beginning in April 2023 regardless of PHE
- Removal of COVID-19 add-on payments, which has already been limited by lack of funding
- Reduction in 6.2% FMAP increase

Other Updates

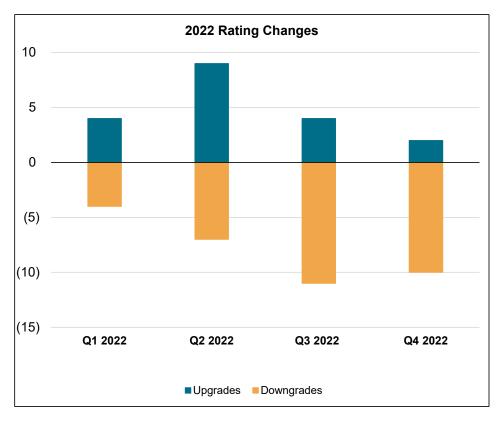
- Medicare hospital rates slightly better than anticipated, but lower than needed and further impacted by 340B ruling
- Telehealth reimbursement extended to December 2024
- M&A could be more difficult within markets, though larger strategic plays may be okay

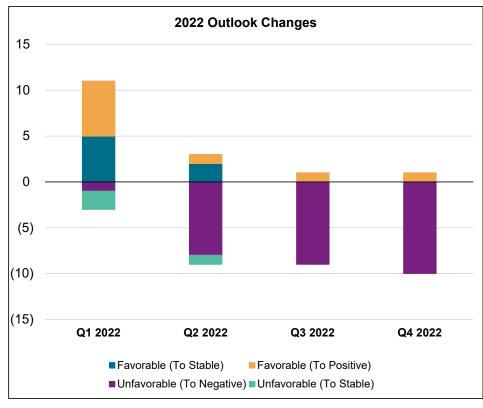


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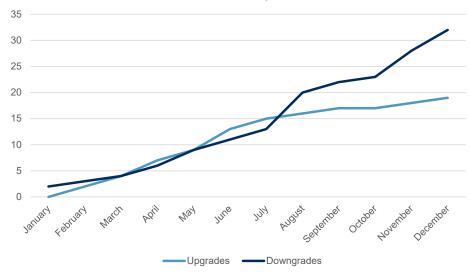
Quarterly Rating & Outlook Changes: Momentum Shifting in 2022



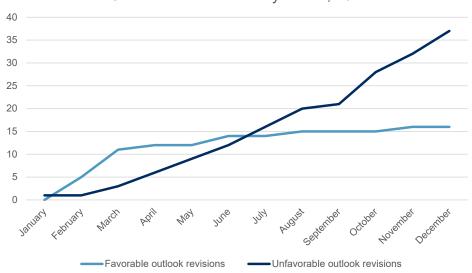


2022 Rating Actions

U.S. Not-For-Profit Acute Health Care Rating Cumulative Actions By Month, 2022



U.S. Not-For-Profit Acute Health Care Outlook Cumulative Revisions By Month, 2022

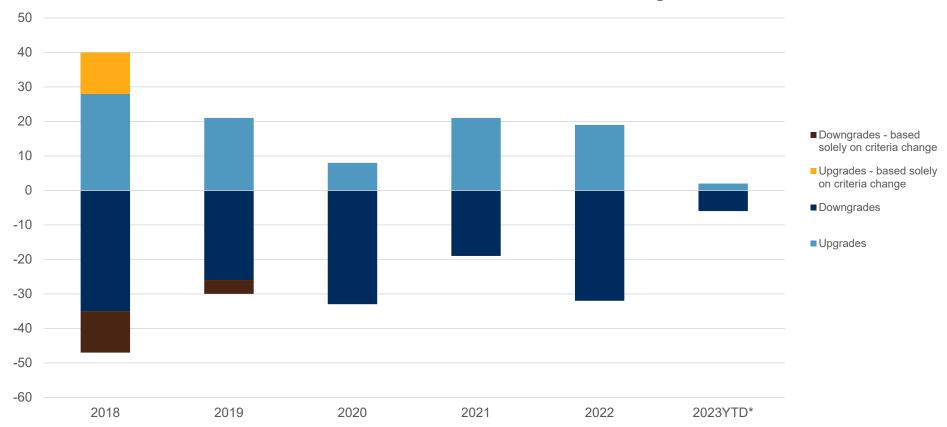


Data as of December 2022.

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Downgrades in 2022 Higher Compared To Prior Year

U.S. Not-For-Profit Acute Health Care Sector Rating Actions



Data represents all ratings reviewed including some with multiple rating actions. Criteria actions in 2018 and 2019 relate to "U.S. And Canadian Not-For-Profit Acute-Care Health Care Organizations" criteria, published on March 19, 2018. 2023 YTD is through February 2023.

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Upgrades

2022 Rating Actions



Beaumont Health, MI (merger)

Bowling Green-Warren Cnty Community Hospital Corp., KY

Cheyenne Regional Medical Center, WY

Children's Mercy Hospital, MO

Cooper Health System, NJ

Dawson County Hospital District, TX

Edward-Elmhurst Healthcare, IL (merger)

Fort Healthcare, WI

Freeman Health System, MO

King's Daughters Medical Center, KY

Long Island Community Hospital, NY (merger)

Memorial Hospital, NH

MetroHealth System, OH

NJH-SJH Center for Outpatient Health, CO (merger)

North Broward Hospital District, FL

NYU Langone Hospitals, NY

Saint Peter's University Hospital, NJ

SCL Health, CO (merger)

Loma Linda University Medical Center, CA

Downgrades

Adventist Health System/West, CA

Augusta University Health System, GA

Beverly Community Hospital Association, CA

Brooks Rehabilitation, FL

Catholic Health System, NY

City of Hope, CA

Decatur Hospital Authority, TX

Doylestown Hospital Authority, PA

Good Shepherd Group, PA

Grand View Hospital, PA

Holy Redeemer Health System, PA

Jackson Hospital and Clinic, AL

King County Public Hospital District No. 1 (dba Valley Medical

Center), WA

Lawrence Mem Hosp, KS

Main Line Health System, PA

Marin General Hospital, CA

Milford Regional Medical Center, MA

MultiCare Health System, WA

Norman Regional Health System, OK

Nuvance Health, CT

Opelousas General Hospital Authority, LA

Orangeburg-Calhoun Counties Regional Medical Center, GA

OU Medicine, OK

ProMedica Health System, OH

Providence St. Joseph Health, WA

Renown Regional Medical Center, NV

Southern Illinois Healthcare Enterprises, IL

Sparrow Health System, MI

St. Charles Health System, WA

Trinity Health, ND

2023 Rating Actions (Through February)



University Health, GA (merger) Vernon Memorial Hospital, WI





Fairview Health Services, MN Marshfield Clinic Health System, WI Milford Regional Medical Center, MA Ochsner LSU Health System of Northern Louisiana, LA **Tower Health, PA** UC Health, OH

Wisconsin Credits Rated By S&P Global















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Wisconsin 2021 Not-For-Profit Health Care Rated Credit Medians

Portfolio

819,247

250.0

211.7

895.9

12.2

107.4

360,330

134,075

27.8

25.7

2.2

91.4

391

Wisconsin

1,128,213

314.3

311.9

10.15

85.61

390508

18.9

62009

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2.38

95.42

1491.83

11

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|--|------------------------|------------------------|--|--|--|
| Sample size Financial performance | 391 | 11 | Liquidity and financial flexibility | | |
| Net patient revenue (\$000s) | 996,903 | 916,723 | Unrestricted reserves (\$000s) | | |
| Total operating revenue (\$000s) Total operating expenses (\$000s) | 1,176,202 1,118,932 | 1,256,325 1,165,104 | Unrestricted days' cash on hand Unrestricted reserves/total long-term debt (%) | | |
| Operating income (\$000s) Operating margin (%) | 26,168 2.8 | 54,346 6.8 | Unrestricted reserves/contingent liabilities (%)* | | |
| Net nonoperating income (\$000s) Excess income (\$000s) | 34,789 67,603 | 58,264 99,362 | Average age of plant (years) Capital expenditures/depreciation and amortization (%) | | |
| Excess margin (%) Operating EBIDA margin (%) | 6.0 8.6 | 11.5 11.7 | Debt and liabilities | | |
| EBIDA margin (%) Net available for debt service (\$000s) | 11.7 139,751 | 16.4 179,707 | Total long-term debt (\$000s) Long-term debt/capitalization (%) | | |
| Maximum annual debt service (\$000s) | 26,402 | 27,616 | Contingent liabilities (\$000s)* | | |
| Maximum annual debt service coverage (x) | 5.4 | 7.3 | Contingent liabilities/total long-term debt (%)* | | |
| Operating lease-adjusted coverage (x) Nonrecurring operating income adjusted | 4.1 | 5.6 | Debt burden (%) | | |
| operating margin (%)** | 0.6 | 4.7 | Defined-benefit plan funded status (%)* | | |

^{**}Nonrecurring operating income is largely attributable to COVID-19 stimulus funds recognized, but could be comprised of other non-recurring items.

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Some Near-Term Mitigation Strategies

- Labor management and reduction in agency labor/over-time pay
- Length of stay/Access
- Rationalization of care/closure or consolidation of services & hospitals (temporary or permanent)
- Revenue cycle improvements
- Diversification into growing markets and services/monetization of assets
- Expense management (other than labor)
- Optimizing supplemental funds (e.g., Medicaid Directed Payment Program)



Longer-term strategies likely to involve data/technology for care delivery redesign & efficiencies, clinical developments, M&A and affiliations, and/or broader diversification.

Considerations for Credit Rating/Review Approach in 2023



Not All Credits
Performing Poorly



Credit rating and relative strength of the rating



Financial flexibility could provide time for recovery



Enterprise strengths may provide near-term stability



Management acumen and operating culture

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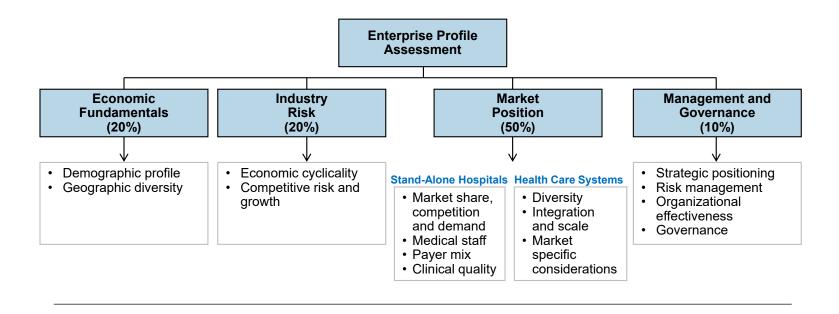
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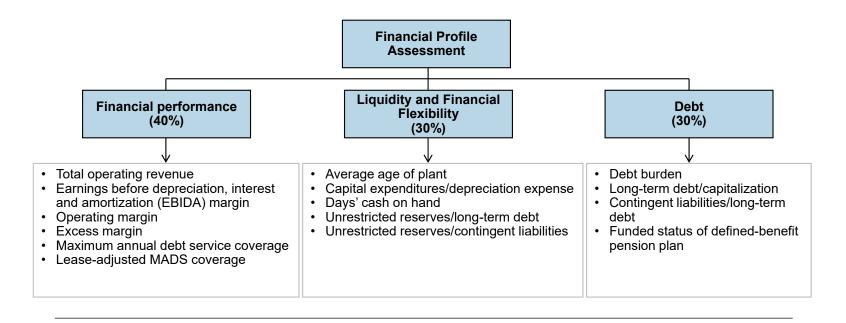


Analytical Framework: Enterprise Profile



- Assesses operating environment and incorporates broad industry and organization-specific factors.
- Assessments for each factor range from 1 (strongest) to 6 (weakest) based on a combination of quantitative and qualitative factors.

Analytical Framework: Financial Profile



- Assesses the financial strength of health care organizations.
- Assessments for each factor range from 1 (strongest) to 6 (weakest) based on a combination of quantitative and qualitative factors.

S&P Not-For-Profit Health Care Criteria – Financial and Enterprise Profile Anchor Chart

| | Financial Profile | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------|----------|------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Enterprise Profile | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | | |
| | Extremely Strong | Very Strong | Strong | Adequate | Vulnerable | Highly Vulnerable | | |
| 1 Extremely strong | aaa | aa+ | aa- | а | bbb+/bbb | bb+/bb | | |
| 2 Very strong | aa+ | aa/aa- | a+ | a- | bbb/bbb- | bb/bb- | | |
| 3 Strong | aa- | a+ | а | bbb+/bbb | bbb-/bb+ | bb- | | |
| 4 Adequate | а | a/a- | a-/bbb+ | bbb/bbb- | bb | b+ | | |
| 5 Vulnerable | bbb+ | bbb/bbb- | bbb-/bb+ | bb | bb- | b | | |
| 6 Highly Vulnerable | bbb- | bb | bb- | b+ | b | b- | | |

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