## **Supplemental Online Content**

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## eTable 1: Distribution of Medicare-certified General Acute Care Hospitals, by Fiscal Year Starting Month, 2019 vs. 2020 (data collected on February 2, 2022)

Fiscal year beginning	2019 # hospitals (proportion)	2020 # available hospitals
January 1	1,715 (39%)	1,695
February 1	27 (1%)	22
March 1	30 (1%)	30
April 1	106 (2%)	106
May 1	67 (2%)	64
June 1	74 (2%)	77
July 1	1,366 (31%)	964
August 1	33 (1%)	5
September 1	91 (2%)	2
October 1	790 (18%)	781
November 1	37 (1%)	41
December 1	24 (1%)	29
Total	4,360 (100%)	3,816

<sup>a</sup> Hospitals with Medicare Cost Reports available as of February 2, 2022.

## eTable 2: Sample Description

Description	# hospital-year observation
Hospital-years with fiscal years starting on January 1, 2016-2020	8,541
-Hospital-years with missing financial performance measures	(315)
-Hospital-years with charge-to-cost ratio less than 0.2 or greater than 15.0	(11)
-Hospital-years with expense-to-revenue ratio less than 0.5 or greater than 3.0	(43)
-Hospital-years without five-year continuous observations for the same hospital	(1,282)
Final sample	6,890ª

<sup>a</sup> The 6,890 hospital-year observations represent 1,378 unique hospitals, all of which have continuous observations during 2016-2020.