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Industry News: High Profile Hospice Facility Auctioned Off In Bankruptcy

San Diego Hospice's inpatient facility has gone to the highest bidder. After 50 bids in bankruptcy court between **Scripps Health** and **Sharp HealthCare**, Scripps won with a \$16.56 million bid for the eight-acre, hilltop property with an ocean view, reports the San Diego Union-Tribune.

San Diego Hospice declared bankruptcy in February after revealing a Medicare audit focusing on patients' eligibility for the Medicare hospice benefit. The property includes a 24-bed hospice and several administrative buildings.

The facility was built with an \$18.5 million donation from the late **Joan Kroc**, according to the Union-Tribune. If they won, both Scripps and Sharp pledged to preserve the numerous memorials throughout the buildings and along a perimeter garden walking path.

Sharp serves about 430 hospice patients per day and newcomer Scripps about 200, the newspaper says.