

Community Benefit Reporting Glossary

Charity Care and Subsidized Health Services

Charity Care Cost	Costs associated with the delivery of Charity Care. These costs may be calculated differently among hospitals. A typical formula would be Charity Care multiplied by (Total Operating Expenses/Gross Patient Revenue).
Subsidized Health Services	Clinical services that meet a particular community need, and are usually provided at a financial loss to the hospital. Emergency services are also included; for example an Air Ambulance or a trauma center.

Federal Medicare and Medicaid

Medicare Unreimbursed Costs	Costs not reimbursed by the Medicare, the the federal health insurance program for citizens 65 and over and those determined disabled by the Social Security Administration.
Medicaid Unreimbursed Costs	Costs not reimbursed by the Medicaid, the federal health insurance program that provides health and long-term care services to low-income populations.

Community Benefit Contributions

Community Health Improvement	Activities geared towards improving the health of the community. These types of activities are educational lectures/presentations, special community health screening events, clinics, telephone information services, transportation services, poison control services, and hotlines.
Cash and In Kind Contributions	Funds and services donated to individuals or groups of the community. Grants, scholarships, staff hours, hospital space, food, and equipment are all examples of typical contributions.
Community Building Activities	Non-health care programs provided by the hospital to minimize potential health problems. Some examples of these activities are neighborhood revitalization, tree planting, low income housing projects, mentoring groups, air quality improvement, conflict resolution training, and workforce development programs.
Other Public Programs	Community benefit programs or services that do not classify into a specific category.

Research and Operations

Research	Research endeavors comprising studies on clinical, community health, and health care delivery. Results of the studies are shared with entities outside the hospital organization.
Health Professions Education	Community benefits that are used to train future health care professionals. These benefits are providing a clinical setting for training, internships, vocational training, and residencies.
Community Benefit Operations	Costs associated with hospital programming and operations toward community benefit programs. These costs would typical revolve around developing and maintaining community benefit programs; such as staff hours, grant writing, needs assessments, and fundraising.