MERCY HEALTH SPRINGFIELD COMMUNITIES
FY24 COMMUNITY BENEFIT THROUGH 06/30/24

What is Community Benefit?
Community Benefit consists of programs and activities designed to increase access to healthcare and improve the overall health of the community. Financial Assistance, Medicaid, and Outreach services are examples of Community Benefit.

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Why is Community Benefit important to Mercy?
Mercy recognizes the importance of Community Benefit as an integral part of our mission across our entire 24 county service area. Also, in order to maintain the tax-exempt status of 501(c)3, Mercy must comply with IRS Community Benefit regulations and oversight. Mercy follows the Catholic Health Association guidelines in planning & reporting Community Benefit.

Charity Care	Community Outreach Services	Health Professionals Education & Research	Cash, In-Kind Donations, Workforce Enhancement and Fundraising	Medicaid Subsidies	Total
BENEFIT: $ 36,496,852	**BENEFIT: $ 7,101,724**	**BENEFIT: $ 4,480,978**	**BENEFIT: $ 415,433**	**BENEFIT: $ 57,083,974**	**BENEFIT: $ 105,578,961**
Includes the actual cost of providing free or discounted care to persons who cannot afford to pay and who are not eligible for public programs. Charity care does not include bad debt.	Includes activities carried out to improve community health & services that are subsidized because they are needed in the community. Examples: education, support groups, health screenings, and immunizations.	Includes the cost of providing clinical placement for physicians, nurses, and other health professionals.	Includes cash, in-kind donations, fundraising costs, food & supplies to shelters, use of Mercy rooms and facilities, donated office space and recruitment of health professionals in medically underserved areas.	Includes the actual unpaid cost of providing care to Medicaid patients and represents the shortfall between cost of care and the payments received from the government.	Total of all Community Benefit programs and services for MHSC.
FY23 Q4 $27,443,637	**FY23 Q4 $5,747,411**	**FY23 Q4 $259,757**	**FY23 Q4 $272,373**	**FY23 Q4 $95,853,131**	**FY23 Q4 $129,576,309**

Cost of Traditional Charity Care: Patient Lives Served in Q4

FY24: 42,394

FY23: 36,568

What are the Community Benefit requirements?
Senator Charles Grassley of Iowa is a proponent of requiring not-for-profit hospitals to justify their tax-exempt status. This is currently accomplished on the annual IRS Form 990 by comparing the Community Benefit expenses to the Total Hospital expenses. Though not formally established by the IRS, a benchmark range of 5% to 8% is considered acceptable. Other information is also required.

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How is Community Benefit reported to the IRS?
The IRS Form 990 includes Schedule H, specifically for Community Benefit reporting. Parts I and II deal with expenditures. Part III pertains to bad debt and Medicare issues. Part IV discloses joint ventures. Part V is for Facility information, Community Health Needs Assessments, Financial Assistance Policies, etc. The final Part VI, Supplemental Information, allows for narratives, describing the CHNA and evaluating programs.

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(in Thousands)

	Springfield	Lebanon	St. Francis	Cassville	Aurora	Reported on 990's	Health System No Schedule H	Total
Charity	23,361	1,904	507	855	975	27,603	8,894	36,497
Medicaid	30,732	4,676	302	632	117	36,459	20,625	57,084
Other	11,202	198	-	12	46	11,459	539	11,998
Sub-total	65,296	6,778	809	1,499	1,139	75,521	30,058	105,579
Community Bldg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Community Benefit Expenses	65,296	6,778	809	1,499	1,139	75,521	30,058	105,579
990 Total Expenses	1,050,572	82,723	17,709	20,599	25,996	1,197,598	328,783	1,526,381
Community Benefit %	**6.22%**	**8.19%**	**4.57%**	**7.28%**	**4.38%**	**6.31%**	**9.14%**	**6.92%**