

Hospitals Advance Community Wellness

Ohio nonprofit hospitals in 2018 reported **\$6.8 billion** in net community benefit, a \$400 million increase from the previous year. Key in this contribution was the \$4.1 billion Ohio's hospital community invested in activities designed to address the specific needs identified through community health needs assessments.

Our member hospitals innovate and explore new strategies to improve the health outcomes in their communities by collaborating with other organizations and government agencies.

OHA annually publishes a statewide summary to share the commitment, collaboration and investment of our members that move us all toward our goal of ensuring a healthy Ohio.

Community Benefit Activities



Clinical and community research and health studies to improve the health of Ohioans



Health professions education—doctors, nurses, technicians, allied health specialists



Community health education



Health screenings



Free/discounted prescriptions and supplies



Meals and nutrition services



Immunization clinics



Family support services

UNCOMPENSATED CARE

Ohio hospitals provided **\$9.5 billion** in care in 2018 for which no payment was received. This is up **\$600 million** from the year before.

Source: Aggregated from self-reported member hospital surveys, fiscal 2018 Ohio hospital IRS 990 filings, and Medicare and Medicaid cost reports covering the same period. All figures reported at hospital-specific cost. DSH, or disproportionate share hospital payments, are supplemental payments for eligible hospitals that serve large numbers of Medicaid and other low-income patients.

Charity Care

Every Ohio hospital has a discount policy based on a patient's income and often provides reduced or free services. Hospitals also provide free basic care to the indigent or uninsured Ohioans through the Hospital Care Assurance Program.

IN 2018, OHIO HOSPITALS PROVIDED

\$500 MILLION

IN CHARITY CARE.

Medicaid and Medicare Shortfalls

Government payer reimbursement rates are, on average, below the cost the hospital incurs to provide the service, resulting in payment shortfalls.

OHIO HOSPITALS RECORDED

\$4.4 BILLION

IN MEDICAID AND MEDICARE LOSSES IN 2018.

Bad Debt

The number of uninsured Ohioans has increased slightly, but the number of patients with high deductibles is contributing to a growing volume of people unable to pay hospital bills after the insurance reimbursement is received.

IN 2018, OHIO HOSPITALS HAD TO MANAGE AND OFFSET BAD DEBT OF

\$1.3 BILLION.

	FY2017	FY2018	CHANGE
CHARITY CARE	\$483 million	\$500 million	▲ 4%
COMMUNITY BENEFIT ACTIVITIES	\$4.0 billion	\$4.1 billion	▲ 2%
MEDICAID LOSS	\$2.7 billion	\$3.0 billion	▲ 11%
MEDICAID DSH PAYMENT	(\$428 million)	(\$428 million)	0%
MEDICARE DSH PAYMENT	(\$311 million)	(\$309 million)	▼ 1%
NET COMMUNITY BENEFIT	\$6.4 billion	\$6.8 billion	▲ 6%
MEDICARE LOSS	\$1.4 billion	\$1.4 billion	0%
BAD DEBT	\$1 billion	\$1.3 billion	▲ 18%
TOTAL UNCOMPENSATED CARE	\$8.9 billion	\$9.5 billion	▲ 7%