

Hospitals Advance Community Wellness

Ohio nonprofit hospitals reported **\$7.6 billion** in net community benefit, a \$553 million increase from the previous year. Key in this contribution was the \$4.5 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. This summary draws from the most recent fiscal year data available, 2019.

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 **\$10.3 billion** in care in for which no payment was received. This is up **\$616 million** from the year before.

Source: Aggregated from self-reported member hospital surveys, fiscal 2019 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.

	FY2018	FY2019	
CHARITY CARE	\$500 million	\$559 million	
COMMUNITY BENEFIT ACTIVITIES	\$4.1 billion	\$4.5 billion	
MEDICAID LOSS	\$3.0 billion	\$3.0 billion	
MEDICAID DSH PAYMENT	(\$407 million)	(\$411 million)	
MEDICARE DSH PAYMENT	(\$101 million)	(\$87 million)	
NET COMMUNITY BENEFIT	\$7.0 billion	\$7.6 billion	▲ 8%
MEDICARE LOSS	\$1.4 billion	\$1.3 billion	
BAD DEBT	\$1.3 billion	\$1.4 billion	
TOTAL UNCOMPENSATED CARE	\$9.7 billion	\$10.3 billion	▲ 6%

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.

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.

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.

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OHIO HOSPITALS HAD TO MANAGE AND OFFSET BAD DEBT OF
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