



COMMUNITY BENEFIT UPDATE

February 2024

We are pleased to share the latest news and resources with you. For more information and resources on community benefit, please visit CHA's [Community Benefit page](#).

Important Change to 2023 IRS Form 990 Schedule H Instructions

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has made a change to the 2023 IRS Form 990 Schedule H [Instructions](#) (see page 19), allowing hospitals to report as community benefit activities or programs that are required for licensure or accreditation if they respond to a community need, enhance public health or relieve the burden of government to improve health. CHA requested this change in a [May 17, 2023 letter](#) to the IRS to ensure that current hospital efforts to screen for social needs and help patients find resources to address those needs could continue to be reported as community benefit.

Featured Resources



Assessing and Addressing Community Health Needs

Planning your hospital's Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Strategy? Check out CHA's resources on Assessing and Addressing Community Health Needs.

[» Learn more](#)



Accounting for Community Benefit

Looking for resources for reporting community benefit? Check out CHA's Accounting for Community Benefit resources for guidance on establishing an infrastructure for accurate reporting.

» [Learn more](#)

Upcoming CHA Community Benefit Webinars

What Counts as Community Benefit and Accounting for Community Benefit

April 23, 2024 | 1 - 2:30 p.m. ET

Speakers: Trina Hackensmith, Lyon Software; Toni Conley, Trinity Health and Nancy Lim, CHA

» [Learn more](#)

Community Benefit 101

Save these dates: Oct. 15 – 17 | 2 - 5 p.m. ET

See the complete CHA [Calendar of Events](#).

Examples from the Field and CHA Articles

Catholic Health World: Read about community benefit news and programs from across the ministry.

- [Oklahoma City respite facility ensures care for unhoused patients after discharge](#) | *Catholic Health World*, January 2024
- [Collaborative co-founded by CHRISTUS continues to evolve to meet San Antonians' needs](#) | *Catholic Health World*, December 2023

Health Progress Winter 2024: Building Healthy Communities

There are several articles you won't want to miss including:

- [Community Power Building: A Fresh Approach to Wellness](#)
- [Building Healthy Communities Requires Trustworthiness](#)
- [Environmental Justice Work in Chicago Shows Importance of Advocating for Change](#)
- [New Ways to Measure Impact in Communities](#)

- [Elevating Community Health Needs Assessments: A Strategic Imperative to Advance Health Equity](#)
- [Does Your Organization Adapt as Health Needs Evolve?](#)
- [From Crisis to Collaboration: Uniting for Healthy Communities](#)

For more articles featuring community benefit news and programs from the across the ministry.

» [Catholic Health World](#)

» [Health Progress](#)

Articles of Interest

Community Benefit and Tax Exemption

[Threatening Nonprofit Hospital Tax Exemption](#) | JAMA, Jan. 2024

[New York Joins Local Governments in Erasing Billions in Medical Debt](#) | Medpage Today, Jan. 2024

[One third of hospitals take legal action against patients with outstanding medical bills, study finds](#) | Lown Institute, Jan. 2024

[Hundreds of Hospitals Sue Patients or Threaten Their Credit, a KHN Investigation Finds. Does Yours?](#) | KFF Health News, Dec. 2021

[Hospital billing and collection practices, a national data set](#) | Lown Institute

Health Equity

[We Listen, We Heal: Promoting Health Equity and Improving Patient Outcomes](#) | Nurse Leader, Dec. 2023

[How History Has Shaped Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities](#) | KFF interactive timeline

Addressing Health-Related Social Needs Equity

[Medicaid Waivers Allow States to Spend Billions on Social Needs](#) | Modern Healthcare, Jan. 2024

[The Health Care Guide to Contracting with CBOs](#) | Resource toolkit for effectively addressing health-related social needs

[Understanding New Federal Guidance on Medicaid Coverage of Health-Related Social Needs Services](#) | Center for Health Care Strategies, Jan. 2024

[MCBS Socio-demographic and Health Characteristics of Medicare Beneficiaries Living in the Community by Dual Eligibility Status PUF 2021](#) | CMS, Jan. 2024

[FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Tools to Lower](#)

[Prescription Drug Costs for Low-Income Seniors and People with Disabilities](#) | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, June 2023

Maternal Child Health

[HHS to Improve Maternal Health Outcomes with New CMS Care Model that Expands Access to Services, Other Proven Maternal Health Approaches](#) | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Dec. 2023

[HRSA Administrator Launches New National Maternal Health Initiative: Focusing on areas of high need in several states and the District of Columbia.](#) | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Jan. 2024

Upcoming Opportunities/Events

[The Hospital Community Collaborative](#) – AHA's new free online program supporting hospitals and community partners in advancing health equity.

[Communities Joined in Action 2024 National Conference](#) – May 1 to 3, 2024, in Albuquerque: CHA and CHRISTUS St. Vincent will host the breakout session *Hospital Community Benefit, a Partner in Improving Community Health*. The conference offers something for every health equity champion, with pre-conference sessions, educational workshops, leadership discussions and networking opportunities.

[2024 Accelerating Health Equity Conference](#) – May 7 to 9, 2024, in Kansas City Join CHA at the premier conference on improving community health and advancing health equity. Register by March 31 for early-bird savings. CHA will present the pre-conference workshop [Community Benefit: How Hospitals Work to Improve Access, Community Health and Equity](#) on Tuesday morning.

[Regional Convening on Practical Solutions to Homelessness](#) – Organized by Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA), brings together leaders from various Catholic and faith-based organizations to discuss and address homelessness. These gatherings aim to provide a platform for discussing local homelessness issues, sharing best practices, and offering federal-level advocacy training. Convenings will occur throughout 2024, starting in Oakland, Calif.

Call for Bold and Innovative Ideas

Share your programs, resources, and collaborative ventures that elevate human flourishing and demonstrate the ministry's core commitments in action. [Submit your proposals](#) by Feb. 28, 2024.



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