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Connecticut Hospitals Invest \$1.6 Billion in Community Benefit Initiatives in 2015

WALLINGFORD – Connecticut hospitals play a unique and critically important role in their communities – a role that continues to grow. In 2015, Connecticut hospitals provided more than 12.3 million services to individuals and families at a cost to them of \$1.6 billion — that’s 14.9 percent of total hospital revenue, according to the Connecticut Hospital Association’s [2017 Community Benefit Report](#), released today. These include outreach and support services for cancer, sickle cell disease, obesity, and other conditions, community-based care, support groups for young parents, education for the next generation of healthcare professionals, and many other programs targeted to meet specific community needs.

In 2015, Connecticut hospitals benefitted their communities in many ways.

- \$740.3 million: Unpaid government-sponsored healthcare (Medicaid)
- \$583.1 million: Unpaid government-sponsored healthcare (Medicare)
- \$216.7 million: Uncompensated care: Charity care/bad debt to provide services for those who cannot pay
- \$31.7 million: Community services to improve the health of the community
- \$16.3 million: Research and other programs to advance healthcare for patients and the community
- \$10.4 million: Donations to help support community organizations
- \$7.2 million: Community building to create stronger, healthier communities
- \$7.4 million: Subsidized health services* to provide care needed by the community

“Connecticut’s hospitals provide a clear benefit to their communities in addition to the lifesaving care they offer 24/7,” said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. “There is also a long-cherished historical tradition in this country whereby governments do not tax not-for-profit providers of essential healthcare services. However, the Administration’s budget proposal would change all of that by eliminating the property tax exemption for hospitals. This runs counter to nearly 200 years of American history and we need legislators to oppose it.”

** Most subsidized health services funds are reflected in the “unpaid costs of government programs” numbers.*

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About CHA

The Connecticut Hospital Association has been dedicated to serving Connecticut’s hospitals since 1919. Through state and federal advocacy, CHA represents the interests of Connecticut’s hospitals on key healthcare issues in the areas of quality and patient safety, access and coverage, workforce, community health, diversity, and hospital reimbursement.