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Connecticut Hospitals Invest \$1.5 Billion in Community Benefit Initiatives in 2014

WALLINGFORD – Connecticut hospitals play a unique and critically important role in their communities – a role that continues to grow. In 2014, Connecticut hospitals provided more than 13.2 million services to individuals and families at a cost to them of \$1.5 billion — that’s 14 percent of total hospital revenue, according to the Connecticut Hospital Association’s [2016 Community Benefit Report](#), released today. These include outreach and support services for cancer, diabetes, asthma, and other chronic 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 2014, Connecticut hospitals benefitted their communities in many ways.

- \$710.5 million: Unpaid government-sponsored healthcare (Medicaid)
- \$471.6 million: Unpaid government-sponsored healthcare (Medicare)
- \$247.6 million: Uncompensated care: Charity care/bad debt to provide services for those who cannot pay
- \$39.6 million: Community services to improve the health of the community
- \$18.9 million: Research and other programs to advance healthcare for patients and the community
- \$9.2 million: Donations to help support community organizations
- \$8.0 million: Community building to create stronger, healthier communities
- \$4.4 million: Subsidized health services* to provide care needed by the community

“In addition to providing core healthcare services to everyone in Connecticut, 24 hours a day, regardless of ability to pay, Connecticut hospitals offer significant community benefit programs that improve peoples’ lives,” said Jennifer Jackson, CEO, CHA. “But hospitals can’t keep providing all the community benefit services that they do today if the state continues taxing them at nearly 30 times what any other organization pays, and refuses to provide them with the payments that are due for the care they have provided. We are asking legislators to help get the hospitals the funds they earned for caring for patients.”

** 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.