

Hospitals Advance Community Wellness

Ohio hospitals invested more than \$3 billion in community benefit activities in 2016 to improve the health of local citizens, neighborhoods and communities they serve, up from \$1.54 billion prior to expansion of Medicaid eligibility.

OHA member hospitals' missions are specific to the needs of each community they serve.

Every three years, hospitals collaborate with neighboring organizations and researchers to complete a Community Health Needs Assessment.

Hospitals use the assessment to focus their community outreach activities to improve health issues specific to their neighborhoods.

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 **\$7.5 billion** in total uncompensated care in 2016, up from **\$4.9 billion** in 2013, or pre-expansion of Medicaid eligibility criteria.

Source: Aggregated from self-reported member hospital surveys, fiscal 2016 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 a large number of Medicaid and other low-income patients.

Categories	FY 2013 (PRE-EXPANSION)	FY 2016 (POST-EXPANSION)
CHARITY CARE	\$1.03 BILLION	\$458 MILLION
COMMUNITY BENEFIT ACTIVITIES	\$1.54 BILLION	\$3.00 BILLION
MEDICAID LOSS	\$1.35 BILLION	\$2.30 BILLION
MEDICAID DSH PAYMENT	(\$367 MILLION)	(\$388 MILLION)
MEDICARE DSH PAYMENT	(\$296 MILLION)	(\$103 MILLION)
NET COMMUNITY BENEFIT	\$3.27 BILLION	\$5.30 BILLION
MEDICARE LOSS	\$596 MILLION	\$1.20 BILLION
BAD DEBT	\$1.04 BILLION	\$985 MILLION
TOTAL UNCOMPENSATED CARE	\$4.90 BILLION	\$7.50 BILLION

Charity Care

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

IN 2016, OHIO HOSPITALS PROVIDED \$458 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 \$3.5 BILLION IN MEDICAID AND MEDICARE LOSSES IN 2016.

Bad Debt

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

IN 2016, OHIO HOSPITALS HAD TO MANAGE AND OFFSET BAD DEBT OF \$985 MILLION.