



# COMMUNITY BENEFIT UPDATE

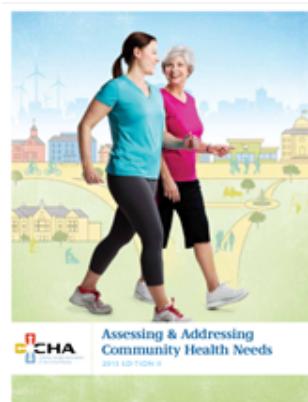
## February 2024

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.

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## 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](#).

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## 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

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## 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](#)

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## **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](#)

## **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

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## **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.

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## **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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