

Community Benefit Update



April 2026 Edition

We are pleased to share the latest news and resources on community benefit. For additional updates and tools to support your work, be sure to visit CHA's Community Benefit [website](#).

Upcoming Learning & Networking

What Counts and Accounting for Community Benefit Webinar

April 29, 2026 | 1 to 2:30 p.m. ET

Review the criteria, principles, and reporting of nonprofit hospital community benefit as defined by the [IRS Form 990, Schedule H](#) and [CHA's Community Benefit Guide](#), including:

- Criteria for what counts (and what doesn't count) as community benefit,
- Categories of community benefit, and
- Principles for measuring, reporting, and accounting for community benefit.

[Register to attend](#)

2026 Community Benefit Networking Calls

CHA will host two Community Benefit Networking Calls in 2026: June 11 and Sept. 17, from 1-2 p.m. ET. The network is open to hospital and health care community benefit professionals and provides an opportunity to:

- Connect with peers and share ideas
- Expand your professional network
- Discuss solutions to community benefit challenges

If you were part of the 2025 Community Benefit Network, you will automatically be notified of the calls.

If you are interested in joining or for more information, contact [Kim Skinner](#).

American Hospital Association's Healthier Together Conference

May 12-14, 2026 | Dallas, Texas

CHA is hosting the pre-conference workshop, *Community Benefit Requirements and Key Principles for Improving Health Together*, and a member luncheon at the conference. Hope to see you at this conference for population and community health leaders, which highlights data-driven strategies and innovative approaches to help build stronger communities and drive better health outcomes.

[Learn more](#)

Save the Dates

CHA's Community Benefit 101

Oct. 20-22, 2026 | 2 to 5 p.m. ET. each day

Considered an essential program for professionals seeking a clear, shared understanding of community benefit standards, expectations, and reporting requirements. Registration is coming soon.

Featured What Counts Hotline Question

Can hospital-funded scholarships count as community benefit when they include a work requirement?

We commend hospitals that provide scholarships to individuals seeking to earn a health care degree to obtain a state license/certification to practice as a health care professional. However, we do NOT recommend reporting scholarships with a work requirement as community benefit. We consider scholarships with a work requirement to be a recruitment strategy and not community benefit.

[Read the full recommendation](#)

Quick Links for What Counts

[Search the What Counts library](#)

[Submit a What Counts question to CHA](#)

Examples from the Field

Recent articles from [Catholic Health World](#) and [Health Progress](#) featuring community benefit news and programs from across the ministry.



[Why the IRS Community Benefit Standard for Tax-Exempt Hospitals Has Endured](#)

[How Community Benefit Serves as a Living Expression of Catholic Health's Mission and Commitment](#)

[Intermountain Health Uses Place-Based Investing to Help Address Socioeconomic Concerns](#)

[Providence Alaska Partners with Nonprofits to Preserve and Strengthen Traditions, Languages and Arts of Native People](#)

A Mission to Care - A Commitment to Community



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