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# Community Benefit Update



## August 2026 Edition

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

### Community Benefit 101: Planning and Reporting Nonprofit Hospital Community Benefit Oct. 20, 21, and 22 | 2-5 p.m. ET.

This virtual program equips participants with the knowledge and practical understanding needed to assess, plan, implement, and report nonprofit hospital community benefit in alignment with mission and in compliance with public policy. *AHA members are eligible for a discounted registration fee of \$450 for this program.*

Register today

## New Resources

### Community Benefit Fact Sheet



Catholic healthcare organizations were established to respond to community needs. As charitable organizations, they provide acute, emergency, and often primary medical care, with a longstanding commitment to care for vulnerable and underserved populations. Their commitment to their communities is also demonstrated through community benefit activities and other investments in health and well-being, making their communities healthier places to live, work, and raise families.

[Download the resource](#)

### Nonprofit Hospital Community Benefit: Frequently Asked Questions



In recent years, interest groups, policymakers, and researchers have been asking questions about charity care and community benefits. This resource answers the frequently asked questions.

[Download the resource](#)

## Community Benefit Communications Toolkit (Member-Only)

This member-only communications toolkit supports ongoing efforts to educate both policymakers and the public on the value of not-for-profit healthcare. This new resource will help you amplify Catholic healthcare's community benefit and much more.

[Access the toolkit](#)

## Happenings on the Hill

The House Ways and Means Committee released H.R. 9504, "Tax Exempt Hospital Transparency Act" on June 29 and held a markup on the bill July 1. The bill proposes numerous new and duplicative reporting requirements for tax-exempt hospitals. After several hours, the bill was reported out of Committee without amendments on a party-line vote of 25 in favor and 15 opposed. The bill's path forward remains uncertain.

Throughout the process, CHA engaged with staff and members on the Committee to share feedback on the bill, supported by insights from key system leaders, and will continue to engage with legislators on this issue.

Related resources:

- [CHA Letter to Ways and Means Committee on H.R. 9504](#)
- [CHA Full Summary of H.R. 9504 \(member-only\)](#)
- [Joint Committee on Taxation Summary](#)

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

### [Call for Content: AHA's Healthier Together Conference](#)

Submit a proposal by Aug. 31 for the opportunity to share practical strategies for improving health outcomes with an engaged audience at the AHA Healthier Together Conference, taking place May 4-6, 2027, in Anaheim, Calif.

### [American Health Law Association Tax Issues for Health Care Organizations Conference](#) | Sept. 10-11, 2026, Washington DC

CHA will present *Community Benefit and Finance Staff: Building a Sustainable Infrastructure for Accurate Reporting*

### [CHA Community Benefit Network Call](#) | Sept. 17, 1 to 2 p.m. ET

An opportunity to exchange ideas and effective practices for meeting mission and

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### Examples from the Field

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

[Knowing More Means Doing Better: Data, Technology and the Future of Community Health Improvement](#) | Health Progress, Summer 2026

[Ascension St. John Helps human trafficking victims in Oklahoma find safety, dignity and hope](#) | Catholic Health World, July 2026

[SSM Health's St. Louis foundation uses \\$10 million donation to establish the Community Health Impact Fund](#) | Catholic Health World, July 2026

### A Mission to Care - A Commitment to Community



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