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IS IT COMMUNITY BENEFIT?

The following questions can help determine whether a program or activity should be reported as a community benefit in the following categories: community health improvement, health professions education, subsidized health services, research, or cash and in-kind contributions.

STEP ONE:

Does the program or activity:

- · Address a demonstrated community health need?
- · Seek to address at least one of the following community benefit objectives?
- · Improve access.
- · Enhance public health.
- · Advance generalizable knowledge.
- Relieve the government burden to improve health.

Does the program or activity:

- · Primarily benefit the community rather than the organization?
- · Result in measurable expense to the organization?

IF "NO" TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS IN STEP I, IT IS NOT A COMMUNITY BENEFIT.

IF "YES" TO ALL QUESTIONS IN STEP I, PROCEED TO STEP TWO.

STEP TWO:

Is the program or activity:

- · Provided primarily for marketing purposes?
- Standard practice, expected of all hospitals (such as activities required for accreditation, licensure or participation in Medicare)?
- · Provided primarily for the organization's "covered lives"?
- Provided primarily for employees (not including interns, residents and fellows) or affiliated physicians?

IF "YES" TO ANY OF THE QUESTIONS IN STEP II, IT IS NOT A COMMUNITY BENEFIT.

IF "NO" TO ALL QUESTIONS IN STEP II, PROCEED TO STEP THREE.

STEP THREE: Community Health Health Profession Cash and Subsidized Education Improvement Research In-Kind **Health Service** Program Program Contribution Is the program Is the program: Is it a clinical Is the research Is the contribution or activity funded by a restricted to service, such as a carried out or A) An education burn unit or mental government or being used for a supported for the program necessary health unit (not an not-for-profit community benefit primary purpose for a degree, ancillary service, organization? activity or purpose? of improving certificate or such as lab work or community health? training to be radiology)? Are the results licensed to practice generalizable as a health Is it subsidized (generalizability professional. after subtracting refers to the extent Medicaid and other to which findings B) A continuing means-tested from a study education program programs, bad apply to a wider necessary to retain debt, and financial population or to different state licensure or assistance? certification and contexts)? open to unaffiliated Is it reasonable professionals? to conclude that Are results if the organization intended to be or no longer offered actually shared the service, the with the public? service would be unavailable in the community, the community's capacity to provide the service would be below the community's need, or the service would become the responsibility of government or another tax-exempt organization? Is the loss unrelated to inefficiency or volatile reimbursement? If "Yes" to all questions If "No" to any question **DO NOT REPORT AS REPORT AS COMMUNITY BENEFIT COMMUNITY BENEFIT**