

HEALTH SYSTEMS IMPACT 2013



Every year, Milwaukee County's health care systems make significant investments in our community's health by providing needed services and resources to our most vulnerable populations. This is a direct reflection of their **non-profit mission and commitment** to serve those who are most in need. Along the healthcare continuum and in partnership with community organizations, these essential services weave a safety net of care.

Participating health systems include:

- Aurora Health Care
- Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- Columbia St. Mary's Health System
- Froedtert Health
- Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare

Uncompensated Care

These figures reflect the actual cost of care provided in inpatient, outpatient and emergency room settings to uninsured and low-income patients in Milwaukee County. Medicaid shortfalls represent the difference in the cost of care and government reimbursement.

Charity Care	\$ 69,168,246
Medicaid Shortfalls	\$ 303,860,373
Total Uncompensated Care	\$ 373,028,619

Community Health Improvement

Beyond providing direct and subsidized medical care for vulnerable populations, Milwaukee's health systems contribute to an array of health improvement activities such as financial support to federally qualified health centers, safety net clinics, and school-based health and dental services. The health systems also provide health education and outreach, wellness programs, preventative screenings and support groups. Health improvement initiatives also include donations to community-based organizations to address the social and economic determinants of health, as well as health professions education, and health care workforce development programs.

Total Community Health Improvement \$ 140,623,565

TOTAL IMPACT **\$ 513,652,184**

This report follows the CHA Community Benefit Guidelines, which exclude Medicare shortfalls and bad debt expense. In 2013, hospitals in Milwaukee County reported additional uncompensated care of nearly \$130 million in Medicare shortfalls and over \$88 million in bad debt expense. All uncompensated care reflects the actual cost of care, not hospital charges.

Sources: Information provided by the Wisconsin Hospital Association's 2013 fiscal report and annual Community Benefit Survey.

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Each year, the non-profit hospitals in Milwaukee County report their community benefits in categories defined by the IRS, consistent with the requirements of the Affordable Care Act. The following categories reflect, in aggregate, the total of their financial and in-kind costs for each of those categories in 2013.

2013 Community Health Investments

Community Health Improvement Services	\$21,767,485
Prevention and wellness education, screenings and support groups; school based health and dental services	
Health Professions Education	\$81,872,535
Developing the next generation of health care professionals through clinical training for medical, nursing and other students in health career education programs	
Subsidized Health Services	\$13,440,373
Support for critically needed specialty programs such as a trauma center, high risk obstetrics and behavioral health services	
Research	\$15,812,646
Clinical and community health research, as well as studies on health care delivery	
Financial and In-kind Contributions	\$4,805,555
Contributions to community health centers and safety net clinics, community based organizations and service agencies to assist with basic needs	
Community Building Activities	\$1,412,615
Sponsorship or participation in quality-of-life initiatives that address the root causes of health problems, such as poverty, homelessness and environmental hazards	
Community Benefit Operations	\$1,512,356
Community health needs assessments and staff oversight of community benefit programs	

TOTAL \$140,623,565

HOSPITALS SERVING THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY COMMUNITY

Aurora Psychiatric Hospital
 Aurora Sinai Medical Center
 Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center
 Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center / South Shore
 Aurora West Allis Medical Center
 Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
 Columbia St. Mary's Hospital
 Columbia St. Mary's Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Institute
 Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin, Froedtert Hospital Campus
 Wheaton Franciscan – Midwest Spine & Orthopedic Hospital / Wisconsin Heart Hospital Campus
 Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – Franklin Campus
 Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – St. Francis Campus
 Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare – St. Joseph's Campus