

MHA Reporting Community Benefit (Applies to MHA-member non-government, not-for-profit organizations)

- MHA member organizations are expected to conduct a periodic community needs assessment, with a frequency to be determined by the organization. (This can be done collaboratively with other community organizations.)
- MHA member organizations are expected to assign responsibility for a community benefit plan to an organization employee.
- MHA member hospitals are expected to identify and compile the benefits they provide their communities using one of three methods:
 - List the community benefit activities the organization engages in (Appendix A includes a list of the activities compiled by CHA that could count as community benefit activities), plus the amount of bad debt and charity care (at cost) and unpaid costs of government-sponsored health care programs (including Medicaid, Medicare and public and/or indigent care programs.)
 - List the community benefit activities the organization engages in, including the direct costs for as many of these programs as possible, plus the amount of bad debt and charity care (at cost) and unpaid costs of government-sponsored health care programs (including Medicaid, Medicare and public and/or indigent care programs.)
 - Complete the Community Benefit Guidelines outlined in CHA/VHA's Community Benefit Reporting document, including, in addition, the organization's direct and indirect costs of subsidized health care services, charity care, bad debt and the unpaid costs of government-sponsored health care (including Medicaid, Medicare and public and/or indigent care programs.)
- MHA member extended care organizations are expected to identify and compile the benefits they provide their communities. CHA has developed a list of eligible activities for aging services providers – very similar to the list for hospitals – that should form the basis for developing a community benefit report.

Appendix A

Community Benefit Activity Planning Form (CHA)

Community Health Services

- Community health education
- Community-based clinical services
- Health care support services
- Other

Health Professions Education

- Physicians/medical students
- Scholarships/funding for professional education
- Nurses/nursing students
- Technicians
- Other health professional education
- Other

Subsidized Health Services

- Emergency and trauma services
- Neonatal intensive care
- Hospital outpatient services
- Burn unit
- Women's and children's services
- Renal dialysis services
- Hospice/home care/adult day care
- Behavioral health services
- Other

Research

- Clinical research
- Community health research
- Other

Financial Contributions

- Cash donations
- Grants
- In-kind donations
- Cost of fundraising for community benefit programs
- Other