

The federal government now requires that all tax-exempt health systems conduct Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA) every three years, develop an Implementation Strategy based on identified significant health needs, measure the impact of community benefit programs, and report annually to the IRS on tax filing Form 990, Schedule H. To view all CHNA reports, please visit www.gbmc.org/chna.

What is Community Benefit?

A community benefit is a planned, organized, and measured approach to meeting identified community health needs within a given service area. It most often requires collaboration with other non-profit and public community-based organizations and meets the following parameters:

- Improves the health status and well-being of specific vulnerable populations
- Generates a low or negative margin
- Is not provided for marketing purposes
- Supports services or programs that would likely be discontinued if the decision were made on a purely financial basis

What are some examples of health system Community Benefit work?

- Community health services such as support groups and screenings
- Health professions education such as employing physicians/medical students and funding for professional education
- Mission-driven health services such as hospice services and outpatient mental health services
- Research such as clinical research and community health research
- Financial contributions such as cash donations and fundraising for community programs
- Community building activities such as physical improvement, housing, and workforce development
- Charity care such as free or discounted health related services and care provided to uninsured or low-income patients
- Foundation-funded efforts such as community services and community building

For a full list of examples, please visit www.gbmc.org/communitybenefitexamples.

How do I report a Community Benefit that my department has executed?

To report a Community Benefit that has been completed by your department, please visit www.gbmc.org/communitybenefitform.