Executive Summary

III. Hospital Community Benefit Accountability Report

This annual report is prepared by the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) pursuant to Section 25.5-1-700, C.R.S. (2019). The purpose of this report is to inform stakeholders and policy makers about investments made to improve community health outcomes.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2019-20, the Department worked with the Colorado Hospital Association to develop rules and additional guidance related to House Bill (HB) 19-1320. The first report from the hospitals was due in FY 2020-21 for activities in the previous fiscal year. Reporting hospitals were required to report on certain community benefit investments and activities.

HB19-1320 requires non-profit tax-exempt general hospitals, Denver Health Medical Center, and University of Colorado Hospital to complete a community health needs assessment every three years and an annual community benefit implementation plan every year[1]. Each reporting hospital is required to convene a public meeting at least once per year to seek feedback on the hospital's community benefit activities and implementation plans. These hospitals are required to submit a report to the Department that includes:

- Information on the public meeting held.
- The most recent Community Health Needs Assessment.
- The most recent Community Benefit Implementation Plan.
- The most recent submitted IRS form 990 including Schedule H.
- A description of investments included in Schedule H.
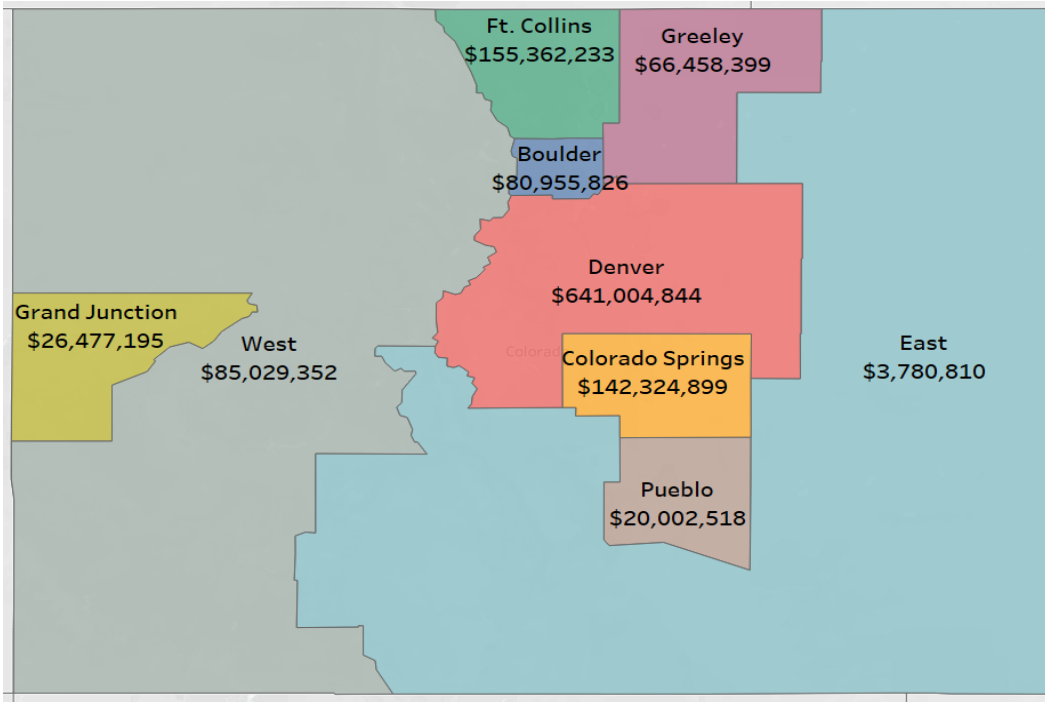- Expenses included on form 990.

The overall investments across all categories reported totaled $1,221,396,076. Free or reduced-cost health care services totaled $695,804,096. Programs addressing health behaviors or risks and social determinants of health totaled $525,591,980.

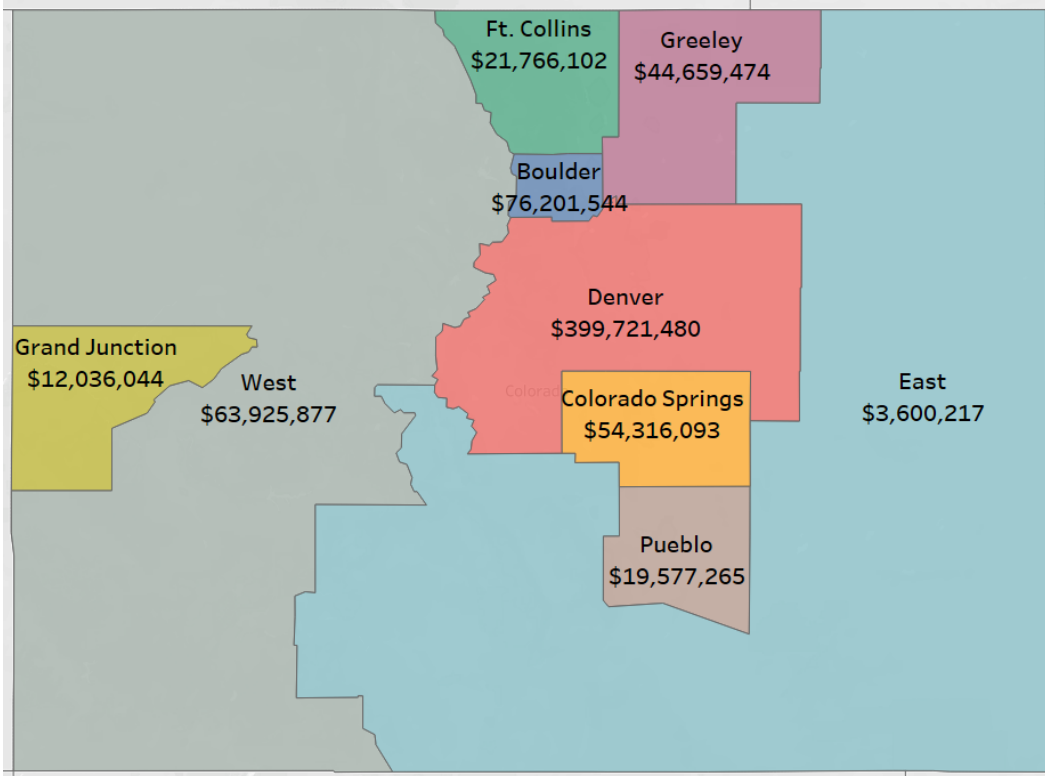The following are maps showing the investments broken out by Division of Insurance region.

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[1] Long Term Care and Critical Access hospitals are not required to report.
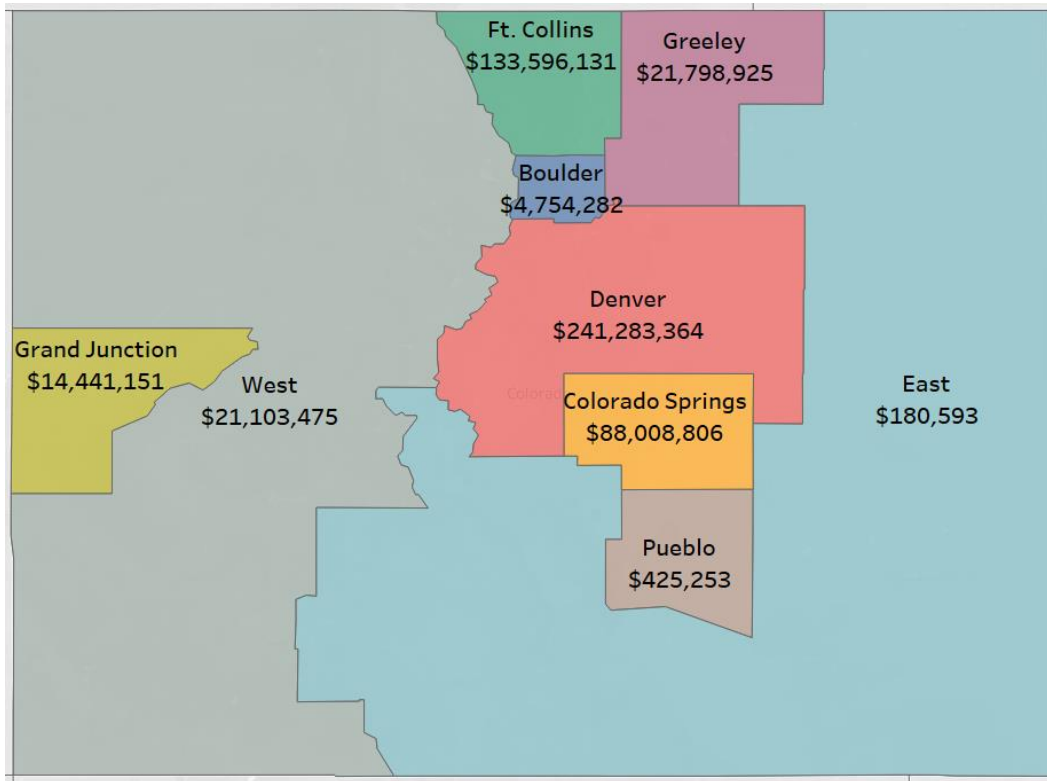
Total of all investments reported

Ft. Collins
$155,362,233

Greeley
$66,458,399

Boulder
$80,955,826

Denver
$641,004,844

Grand Junction
$26,477,195

West
$85,029,352

Colorado Springs
$142,324,899

East
$3,780,810

Pueblo
$20,002,518

Free or reduced-cost health care services

Ft. Collins
$21,766,102

Greeley
$44,659,474

Boulder
$76,201,544

Denver
$399,721,480

Grand Junction
$12,036,044

West
$63,925,877

Colorado Springs
$54,316,093

East
$3,600,217

Pueblo
$19,577,265

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Programs addressing health behaviors or risks and social determinants of health

Ft. Collins
$133,596,131

Greeley
$21,798,925

Boulder
$4,754,282

Denver
$241,283,364

Grand Junction
$14,441,151

West
$21,103,475

Colorado Springs
$88,008,806

East
$180,593

Pueblo
$425,253

Hospital Community Benefit Accountability

Annual Report

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I. Overview

House Bill (HB) 19-1320 requires nonprofit tax-exempt general hospitals, Denver Health Medical Center and University of Colorado Hospital to complete a community health needs assessment every three years and an annual community benefit implementation plan every year. Critical access hospitals are not required to participate, but are encouraged to do so. Each reporting hospital is required to convene a public meeting at least once per year to seek feedback on the hospital's community benefit activities and implementation plans. These hospitals are required to submit a report to the Department of Health Care Policy & Financing (the Department) that includes, but is not limited to the following:

- Information on the public meeting held.
- The most recent Community Health Needs Assessment.
- The most recent Community Benefit Implementation Plan.
- The most recent submitted Internal Revenue Service (IRS) form 990 including Schedule H.
- A description of investments included in Schedule H.
- Expenses included on form 990.

More information can be found on the Hospital Community Benefit Accountability webpage.

All submitted reports can be found at Hospital Transparency Webpage.

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II. Reporting

Under § 25.5-1-700, C.R.S., the Department is required to submit a report that includes a summary of the reports submitted from reporting hospitals that includes the following.

1. The amount that each reporting hospital invested in:

   a. Free or reduced-cost health care services addressing community identified health needs.
   b. Programs addressing health behaviors or risks.
   c. Programs addressing social determinants of health.
   d. All services and programs addressing community identified health needs.

2. A summary of the reporting hospitals' investments that have been effective in improving community health outcomes.

3. Any legislative recommendations the Department has for the General Assembly.

The reports from hospitals were due on July 1, 2020; however, the Department delayed the due date of the first report to Sept. 1, 2020 due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) emergency. Along with the change in due date, the Department modified the reporting requirements for the first report in an effort to minimize the administrative burden on reporting hospitals. Reporting hospitals were still encouraged to include all the reporting requirements laid out in the rule under section 8.5002.B to the extent possible.

The Department received 47 submissions, of those, five (5) were critical access hospitals and one (1) was a new facility with limited information available to report. The overall investments across all categories reported totaled $1,221,396,076. Free or reduced-cost health care services totaled $695,804,096. Programs addressing health behaviors or risks and social determinants of health totaled $525,591,980. During the submission process, several reporting hospitals expressed concerns with how the investment categories were requested to be reported. For the purposes of this report, the Department has combined the amounts for programs addressing health behaviors or risks and programs addressing social determinants of health.

Table 1 – Reporting Hospitals

Provider	County	Hospital System
Avista Adventist Hospital	Boulder	Centura Health
Boulder Community Health	Boulder	
Castle Rock Adventist Hospital	Douglas	Centura Health
Children's Hospital Colorado	Adams	
Community Hospital	Mesa	
Delta County Memorial Hospital	Delta	
Denver Health and Hospital Authority	Denver	
East Morgan County Hospital	Morgan	Banner Health
Estes Park Medical Center	Larimer	
Fort Collins Medical Center	Larimer	Banner Health
Good Samaritan Medical Center	Boulder	SCL Health
Littleton Adventist Hospital	Arapahoe	Centura Health
Longmont United Hospital	Boulder	Centura Health
Lutheran Medical Center	Jefferson	SCL Health
McKee Medical Center	Larimer	Banner Health
Mercy Regional Medical Center	La Plata	Centura Health
Montrose Memorial Hospital	Montrose	
National Jewish Health	Denver	
North Colorado Medical Center	Weld	Banner Health
Parker Adventist Hospital	Douglas	Centura Health
Parkview Medical Center	Pueblo	
Penrose-St Francis Health Services	El Paso	Centura Health
Platte Valley Medical Center	Adams	SCL Health
Porter Adventist Hospital	Denver	Centura Health
Rio Grande Hospital	Rio Grande	
Saint Joseph Hospital	Denver	SCL Health
San Luis Valley Health	Alamosa	
St Anthony Hospital	Jefferson	Centura Health
St Anthony Hospital North Health Campus	Broomfield	Centura Health
St Anthony Summit Medical Campus	Summit	Centura Health
St Mary Corwin Hospital	Pueblo	Centura Health
St Mary's Regional Medical Center	Mesa	SCL Health
St Thomas More Hospital	Fremont	Centura Health
St Vincent General Hospital District	Lake	
Sterling Regional Medical Center	Logan	Banner Health
UCHealth Broomfield Hospital	Jefferson	UCHealth
UCHealth Grandview Hospital	El Paso	UCHealth
UCHealth Greeley Hospital	Weld	UCHealth
UCHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital	Douglas	UCHealth
UCHealth Longs Peak Hospital	Weld	UCHealth
UCHealth Medical Center of the Rockies	Larimer	UCHealth
UCHealth Memorial Hospital	El Paso	UCHealth
UCHealth Poudre Valley Hospital	Larimer	UCHealth
UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital	Adams	UCHealth
UCHealth Yampa Valley Medical Center	Routt	UCHealth
Vail Health	Eagle	
Valley View Hospital	Garfield	

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III. Investments

Avista Adventist Hospital

- Engage with community to understand community health needs and how to best address them in partnership with community organizations.
- Increase access to care through care coordination system.
- Provide transportation services for patients leaving the hospital.
- Childbirth training and education classes for pregnant women.

Boulder Community Health

- Provide athletic trainers to school district.
- Grants to individuals for prescription medication, food, housing, etc.
- Community health education lectures and program series to directly address health conditions, behaviors and risks.
- Provide educational programs for new parents.
- Provide support to local partner nonprofit organizations that directly address social determinants of health.

Castle Rock Adventist Hospital

- Engage with community to understand community health needs and how to best address them in partnership.
- Screening for social needs and referral to community-based resources.
- Campaign to decrease mental health stigma.
- Engage individuals in weight loss through healthy eating and active living.

Children's Hospital Colorado

- Provide asthma home visits.
- Provide education and outreach coordinators work with children and families to provide asthma education.
- Initiative to address the social isolation and toxic stress stemming from institutional racism.
- Provide opportunity for oral health promotion and improved access to oral health services for children in the community.
- Provide patient families with community-based services to meet non-medical health needs such as housing, benefits and food.

- Increase access to timely, quality, and affordable food for kids and their families.

Community Hospital

- Recruit additional primary care providers to the area.
- Educate residents on when and how to utilize appropriate healthcare services.
- Promote lifestyle-modification initiatives to improve the health of teens and young adults.
- Add a cardiac catheterization lab to the lines of services offered.

Delta County Memorial Hospital

- All Points Transit helps meet the transportation needs of Montrose, Delta and San Miguel counties.
- Dial-a-Ride provides much needed transportation to seniors and other higher risk populations for medical visits and shopping

Denver Health and Hospital Authority

- Provide safe detoxification for public inebriates.
- Provide assessment, education, motivational counseling and residential treatment.
- Daily tobacco cession clinics.
- Guide customers through a health care program screening process.
- Health promotion and obesity prevention.
- Program that serves underrepresented youth that are challenged with academic achievement or have other significant risk factors.
- 24-hour nurse line.
- Substance treatment program that specializes in working with adolescents.

East Morgan County Hospital

- Community blood drives.
- Provide education to residents which allow for early intervention and health management.
- Educate young people by taking the fear out of hospitals and exposure to the myriad of healthcare careers and opportunities.

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- Provide community food and nutrition education classes.
- Provide chronic illness support groups.
- Provide enrollment assistance to the vulnerable and underserved.
- Investments that support activities that encourage citizens to be community-mined, engaged and healthy.

Estes Park Medical Center

- Rural Estes Alliance for Community Health provides and supports community wide initiatives and education designed to improve the overall health and well-being of those in the Estes Valley.

Fort Collins Medical Center

- Provide education to residents which allow for early intervention and health management.
- Provide enrollment assistance to the vulnerable and underserved.
- Contribution to local breast cancer organization that supports quality of life initiatives.
- Provide post-discharge services to the vulnerable and underserved.
- Elderly day care.

Good Samaritan Medical Center

- Participation in community coalitions and other collaborative efforts.
- Provide health and wellness education classes, stroke support group, health fairs, and trauma injury prevention outreach and workshops.
- Support of community-based organizations that address areas such as access to health services, medical education, free clinic services or social supports.

Littleton Adventist Hospital

- Screening of people with social needs and referral to community-based resources.
- Use evidence-based messaging to decrease stigma associated with mental health.
- Provide of Mental Health First Aid classes to community.

Longmont United Hospital

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- Support health care services within the community through local Community Health Center.
- Provide health education to the community regarding obesity prevention.
- Partner with coalition providing mental health services and stigma reduction activities.
- Provide a location for a community farmer's market.

Lutheran Medical Center

- Provide community health and wellness education, maternal addiction services, falls prevention, trauma education and tobacco cessation.
- Support community-based organizations that address areas such as access to health services, medical education, free clinic services or social supports.
- Services supporting cardiac rehab, dialysis, pulmonary rehab, obstetric/newborn, neonatal intensive care unit, infusion center and West Pines Psychiatric.

McKee Medical Center

- Provide education to residents which allow for early intervention and health management.
- Provide chronic illness support groups.
- Elderly day care.
- Assist patients, families and caregivers with end-of-life issues and advanced care planning.
- Provide post-discharge services to the vulnerable and underserved.

Mercy Regional Medical Center

- Increase the capacity of food pantry to offer healthy foods.
- Provide healthy eating and active living education at community events and through classes available to community.
- Support of Community Health Center to provide health care to uninsured/underinsured.
- Provide no-cost physical exams to survivors of sexual assault and connects them to follow-up community resources.

Montrose Memorial Hospital

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- Provide education for women's health and family planning, healthy lifestyles and prevention of heart disease, diabetes and stroke.
- Provide transportation to and from hospital and physician appointments for elderly and low income.
- Physician recruitment to bring jobs and necessary medical support to the community.

National Jewish Health

- Provide education programs, classes, and support groups for specialty care illnesses and diseases.
- Provide free K-8 school for chronically ill children; participation in community coalition.
- Provide free lung testing programs.
- Provide inner city asthma program.
- Provide free asthma care and teaching program in lower income communities.
- Conduct a study to collect and interpret air quality data.

North Colorado Medical Center

- Provide enrollment assistance to the vulnerable and underserved.
- Provide post-discharge services to the vulnerable and underserved.
- Provide donations to community building organizations.
- Provide education to residents which allow for early intervention and health management.

Parker Adventist Hospital

- Use evidence-based messaging to decrease stigma associated with mental health.
- Provide Mental Health First Aid to community members through community-based organizations.
- Weigh and Win program provided at no cost to community to support evidence-based healthy weight management.

Parkview Medical Center

- Hiring a Community Risk Reduction Behavioral Health Specialist.

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- Mobile Nurse program providing community-based health education, health screenings and immunizations.
- Software investment, Pieces Technology, to identify patients with adverse social determinants of health and to connect patients with the appropriate resources/support.

Penrose-St Francis Health Services

- Provide cancer screening and health education to Latino populations.
- Hold events to promote healthy eating and active living to prevent and reduce obesity.
- Engage with community partners to provide mental health support for youth in the community.
- Provide healthy meals for seniors to support weight management and obesity prevention/reduction.
- Provide free health screenings for community members.

Platte Valley Medical Center

- Provide nutritional classes, diabetes management classes, wound care classes, and mental health first aid trainings.
- Activities that strengthen prevention, self-help, language translation, health literacy and social supports for low-income and vulnerable population segments.
- Participate in community coalitions and other collaborative efforts.
- Nutrition Department Community Outreach and education.
- Support community organizations serving a broad spectrum of needs.

Porter Adventist Hospital

- Provide prescriptions to patients with income barriers to treatment of their health diagnoses.
- Provide mental health support groups to community members.
- Provide free transportation to patients without transportation.
- Increase access to healthy foods and physical activity through gardening within community.
- Increase access to oral health care for children.

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- Use evidence-based messaging to decrease stigma associated with mental health.

Saint Joseph Hospital

- Provide health education classes.
- Activities that strengthen prevention, self-help, language translation, health literacy and social supports for low-income and vulnerable population segments.
- Participate in community coalitions and other collaborative efforts with the community.
- Support other community-based organizations that address areas such as - access to health services, medical education, free clinic services or social supports.
- Housing stabilization project.
- Conduct a monthly forum for nonprofit health and human service community agencies and partners to share information.

San Luis Valley Health

- Hold various community services such as food banks, VA support, adopt a family, health fairs and support groups that address wellness, child development and substance abuse.

St Anthony Hospital

- Partner with Senior Resource Center for fall prevention and appropriate medical care among seniors.
- Provide a Diabetes Prevention Program.
- Use evidence-based messaging to decrease stigma associated with mental health.
- Weigh and Win program provided at no cost to community to support evidence-based healthy weight management.
- Provide Nurse Family Partnership program for first time, low income mothers.

St Anthony Hospital North Health Campus

- Provide free integrative healing services to community members and patients.
- Provide transportation to patients without transportation.
- Use evidence-based messaging to decrease stigma associated with mental health.
- Weigh and Win program provided at no cost to community to support evidence-based healthy weight management.
- Support for community mental health center providing mental health and drug treatment services to the community.

St Anthony Summit Medical Campus

- Engage with community to understand community health needs and how to best address them in partnership.
- Evidence-based injury prevention approaches.
- Support local nonprofit organizations providing evidence-based programs to reduce stigma associated with mental health.
- Provide no-cost physical exams to survivors of sexual assault and connects them to follow-up community resources.

St Mary Corwin Hospital

- Engage with organization to understand community needs.
- Provide free health screenings for community.
- Increase capacity of food pantry.
- Drug take back program.

St Mary's Regional Medical Center

- Provide various support groups.
- Provide Mental Health First Aid.
- Injury Prevention & Outreach.
- Activities that strengthen prevention, self-help, language translation, health literacy and social supports for low-income and vulnerable population segments.
- Participation in community coalitions and other collaborative efforts with the community.

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- Support community-based organizations that address areas such as - access to health services, medical education, free clinic services or social supports.

St Thomas More Hospital

- Provide free screenings to all students.
- Provide grief support.

St Vincent General Hospital District

- Increase the counties access to qualified health care through the Emergency Department.
- Engage with visiting physicians and physician's assistant to provide cardiac care and orthopedic services.
- Contract with a Health Insurance Navigator to help residents apply for commercial insurance and state Medicaid benefits.

Sterling Regional Medical Center

- Conduct community blood drives and screenings.
- Provide access to education and assistance on wellness topic/issues which allow for early prevention and diagnosis and improve the overall health.
- Provide chronic illness support groups.
- Palliative care program provides compassionate, comprehensive and interdisciplinary care that reduces suffering and optimizes quality of life.

UCHealth Broomfield Hospital

- Support for the development of new programs and recruitment of primary care and specialty care providers.
- Support new program that conducts research into the genetic differences among people that influence health, disease and treatments.
- Financial contributions to support other non-profit and community-based organizations that promote the health and well-being of the community.

UCHealth Grandview Hospital

- Support for the development of new programs and recruitment of primary care and specialty care providers.

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- Support new program that conducts research into the genetic differences among people that influence health, disease and treatments.
- Financial contributions to support other non-profit and community-based organizations.

UCHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital

- Support for the development of new programs and recruitment of primary care and specialty care providers.
- Support new program that conducts research into the genetic differences among people that influence health, disease and treatments.
- Financial contributions to support other non-profit and community-based organizations that promote the health and well-being of the community.

UCHealth Longs Peak Hospital

- Support for the development of new programs and recruitment of primary care and specialty care providers.
- Support new program that conducts research into the genetic differences among people that influence health, disease and treatments.
- Financial contributions to support other non-profit and community-based organizations that promote the health and well-being of the community.
- No-cost service providing mothers the opportunity to meet with a certified lactation consultant.
- Community health program that serves people ages 50 and above offering no-cost Medicare counseling, advance care planning, fall prevention.

UCHealth Medical Center of the Rockies

- Support for the development of new programs and recruitment of primary care and specialty care providers.
- Support new program that conducts research into the genetic differences among people that influence health, disease and treatments.
- Financial contributions to support other non-profit and community-based organizations.
- School and community-based program educating on how to live heart healthy lifestyles.

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- Program that provides care, counseling, and referral services to assault victims.
- Support community organizations dedicated to prevention and treatment of specific health needs.

UCHealth Memorial Hospital

- Support for the development of new programs and recruitment of primary care and specialty care providers.
- Support new program that conducts research into the genetic differences among people that influence health, disease and treatments.
- HealthLink nurse advice line is free to all community members throughout the state of Colorado.
- Financial contributions to support other non-profit and community-based organizations.
- Provide education and training programs for healthcare professionals.
- Partner with various organization to provide access to inpatient and behavioral health services.
- Financial contributions to support community organizations dedicated to the prevention and treatment of specific health needs.

UCHealth Poudre Valley Hospital

- Support for the development of new programs and recruitment of primary care and specialty care providers.
- Provide education and training programs for healthcare professionals.
- Program that provides visits for newborn infants and postpartum mothers.
- Partner with elementary schools to provide health education.
- Support new program that conducts research into the genetic differences among people that influence health, disease and treatments.
- Support the Special Operation Response Team.
- Injury prevention programs for older adults.
- Support community organizations dedicated to prevention and treatment of specific health needs.
- Financial contributions to support other non-profit and community-based organizations.

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- Provide educational programs to increase awareness and education around health needs.

UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital

- Support for the development of new programs and recruitment of primary care and specialty care providers.
- Support new program that conducts research into the genetic differences among people that influence health, disease and treatments.
- Financial contributions to support other nonprofit and community-based organizations.
- Provide education and training programs for healthcare professionals.
- Financial contributions to support community organizations dedicated to the prevention and treatment of specific health needs.
- Provide a series of educational programs designed to increase awareness and education around health needs in our communities.

UCHealth Yampa Valley Medical Center

- Support for the development of new programs and recruitment of primary care and specialty care providers.
- Support new program that conducts research into the genetic differences among people that influence health, disease and treatments.
- Financial contributions to support other non-profit and community-based organizations.
- Support agency operations providing post discharge care coordination.
- Provide education programs to increase awareness and education around health needs.
- Provide nurse consultations at no cost to assess symptoms and provide advice.

Vail Health

- Provide support group for new moms.
- Hold a community cooking class.
- Eat-Chat-Parent series, with topics including Building Resiliency and Self Esteem in our Kids, Addressing Technology Misuse, Teen Substance Abuse and the Role of Toxic Stress.

- Collaboration with multiple community partners to improve inter-agency patient care.
- Various cancer related support groups, health programs, classes, and counseling.
- Foster the retention of new graduate nurses by creating a support system for success.
- Participate in high school internship program.
- Provide medical care at community events.

Valley View Hospital

- Partner with local non-profit to support the nutritional needs of patients in the community.
- Invest in the Roaring Fork School District by providing a majority of the staff salaries for the athletic trainers.
- Health promotion and information provided through media to educate the public about health issues.
- Support local nonprofits that specialize in mental health, education, and community wellness.
- Member of the Valley Health Alliance focused on improving access to quality care, population health management and reduce waste in the healthcare system.

Table 2 – Investment Amounts

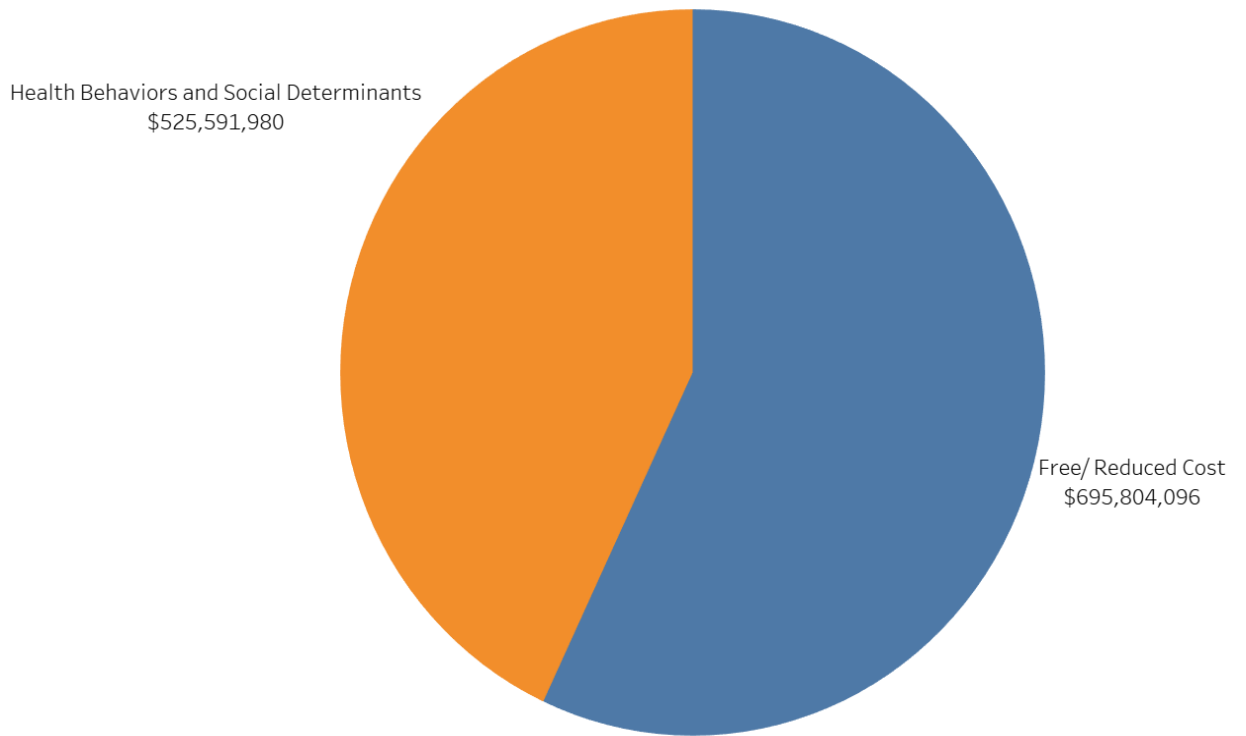| Provider	Free or Discounted Services	Health Behaviors and Social Determinants of Health	Total
Avista Adventist Hospital	$5,563,044	$582,632	$6,145,676
Boulder Community Health	$53,073,548	$870,407	$53,943,955
Castle Rock Adventist Hospital	$11,183,493	$11,650	$11,195,143
Children's Hospital Colorado	$3,462,481	$19,649,562	$23,112,043
Community Hospital	$5,919,192	$224,400	$6,143,592
Delta County Memorial Hospital	$581,162	$9,500	$590,662
Denver Health and Hospital Authority	$204,091,419	$660,934	$204,752,353
East Morgan County Hospital	$1,030,550	$13,825	$1,044,375
Fort Collins Medical Center	$9,241,836	$58,506	$9,300,342
Good Samaritan Medical Center	$1,524,686	$3,281,717	$4,806,403
Littleton Adventist Hospital	$17,495,678	$344,503	$17,840,181
Longmont United Hospital	$16,040,266	$19,526	$16,059,792
Lutheran Medical Center	$2,973,478	$9,209,757	$12,183,235
McKee Medical Center	$8,014,370	$277,422	$8,291,792

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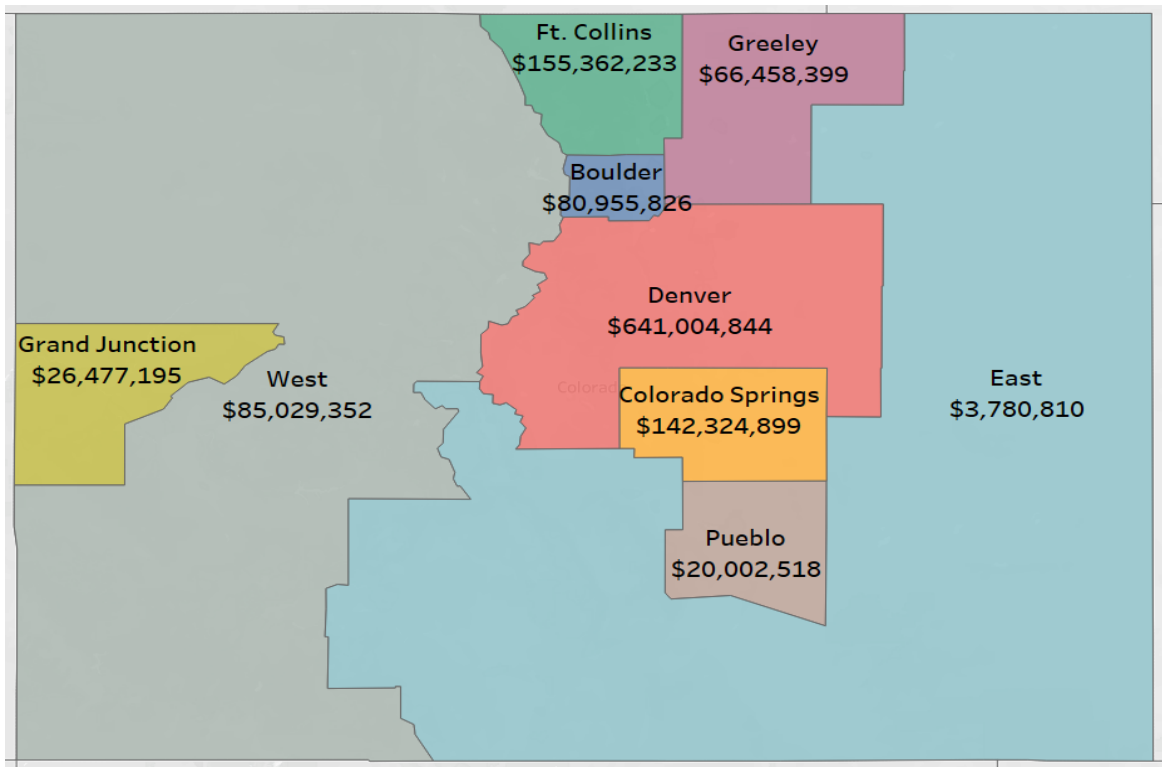| Provider	Free or Discounted Services	Health Behaviors and Social Determinants of Health	Total
Mercy Regional Medical Center	$13,236,933	$774,505	$14,011,438
Montrose Memorial Hospital	$8,104,300	$1,010,674	$9,114,974
National Jewish Health	$72,218	$31,591,272	$31,663,490
North Colorado Medical Center	$44,262,705	$565,791	$44,828,496
Parker Adventist Hospital	$20,405,250	$62,240	$20,467,490
Parkview Medical Center	$4,064,565	$259,298	$4,323,863
Penrose-St Francis Health Services	$52,498,799	$809,353	$53,308,152
Platte Valley Medical Center	$2,369,089	$4,869,788	$7,238,877
Porter Adventist Hospital	$38,275,209	$238,684	$38,513,893
Saint Joseph Hospital	$10,742,146	$22,251,726	$32,993,872
San Luis Valley Health	$752,632	$150,672	$903,304
St Anthony Hospital	$58,700,291	$605,032	$59,305,323
St Anthony Hospital North Health Campus	$27,757,001	$82,084	$27,839,085
St Anthony Summit Medical Campus	$5,563,044	$513,412	$6,076,456
St Mary Corwin Hospital	$15,512,700	$165,955	$15,678,655
St Mary's Regional Medical Center	$6,116,852	$14,216,751	$20,333,603
St Thomas More Hospital	$1,003,388	$8,296	$1,011,684
St Vincent General Hospital District	$181,872	$10,907	$192,779
Sterling Regional Medical Center	$813,647	$7,800	$821,447
UCHealth Broomfield Hospital	$326,947	$1,841,359	$2,168,306
UCHealth Grandview Hospital	$118,951	$514,036	$632,987
UCHealth Highlands Ranch Hospital	$16	$119,070	$119,086
UCHealth Longs Peak Hospital	$396,769	$21,233,134	$21,629,903
UCHealth Medical Center of the Rockies	$2,088,195	$82,519,663	$84,607,858
UCHealth Memorial Hospital	$1,698,343	$86,685,417	$88,383,760
UCHealth Poudre Valley Hospital	$2,421,701	$50,740,540	$53,162,241
UCHealth University of Colorado Hospital	$1,866,764	$149,745,703	$151,612,467
UCHealth Yampa Valley Medical Center	$658,550	$3,631,595	$4,290,145
Vail Health	$19,821,554	$13,997,818	$33,819,372
Valley View Hospital	$15,778,462	$1,155,064	$16,933,526
Totals	**$695,804,096**	**$525,591,980**	**$1,221,396,076**

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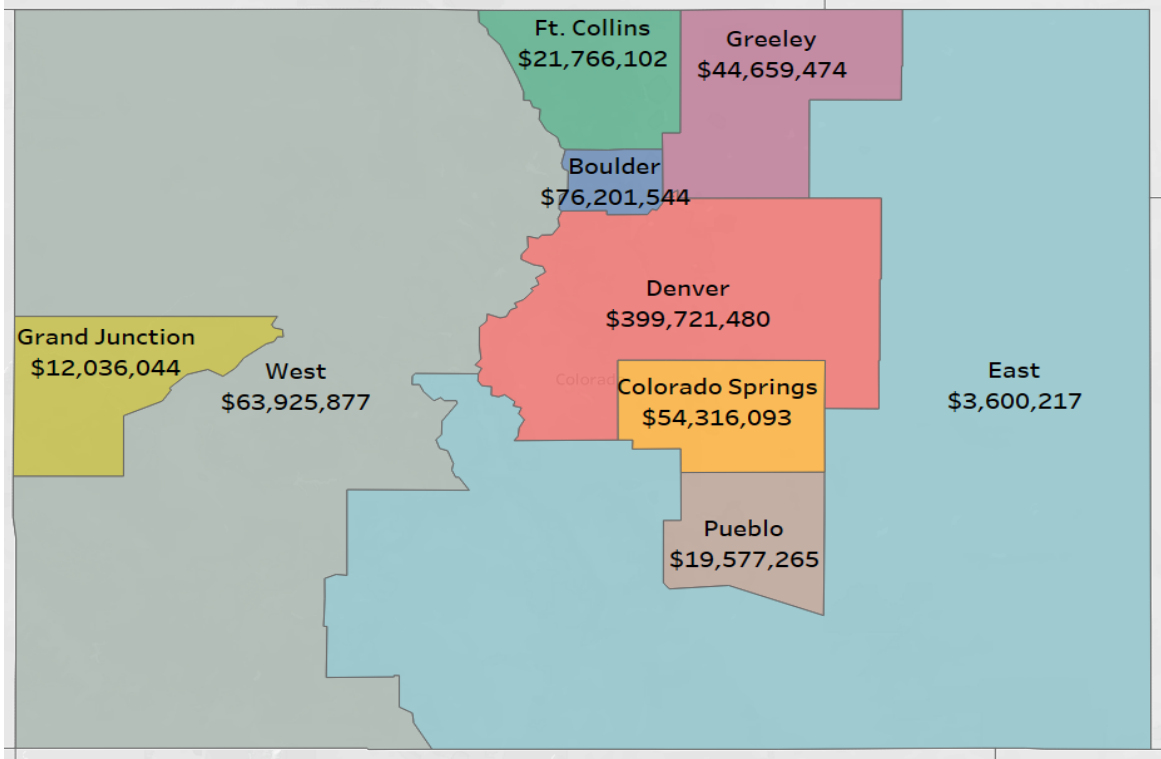
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Graph 1 – Total of all investments report

Health Behaviors and Social Determinants
$525,591,980

Free/ Reduced Cost
$695,804,096

Graph 2 – Total of all investments reported by Division of Insurance region

Ft. Collins
$155,362,233

Greeley
$66,458,399

Boulder
$80,955,826

Denver
$641,004,844

Grand Junction
$26,477,195

West
$85,029,352

Colorado Springs
$142,324,899

East
$3,780,810

Pueblo
$20,002,518

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Graph 3 – Free or reduced-cost health care services by Division of Insurance region

Ft. Collins
$21,766,102

Greeley
$44,659,474

Boulder
$76,201,544

Denver
$399,721,480

Grand Junction
$12,036,044

West
$63,925,877

Colorado Springs
$54,316,093

East
$3,600,217

Pueblo
$19,577,265

Graph 4 – Programs addressing health behaviors or risks and social determinants of health by Division of Insurance region

Ft. Collins
$133,596,131

Greeley
$21,798,925

Boulder
$4,754,282

Denver
$241,283,364

Grand Junction
$14,441,151

West
$21,103,475

Colorado Springs
$88,008,806

East
$180,593

Pueblo
$425,253

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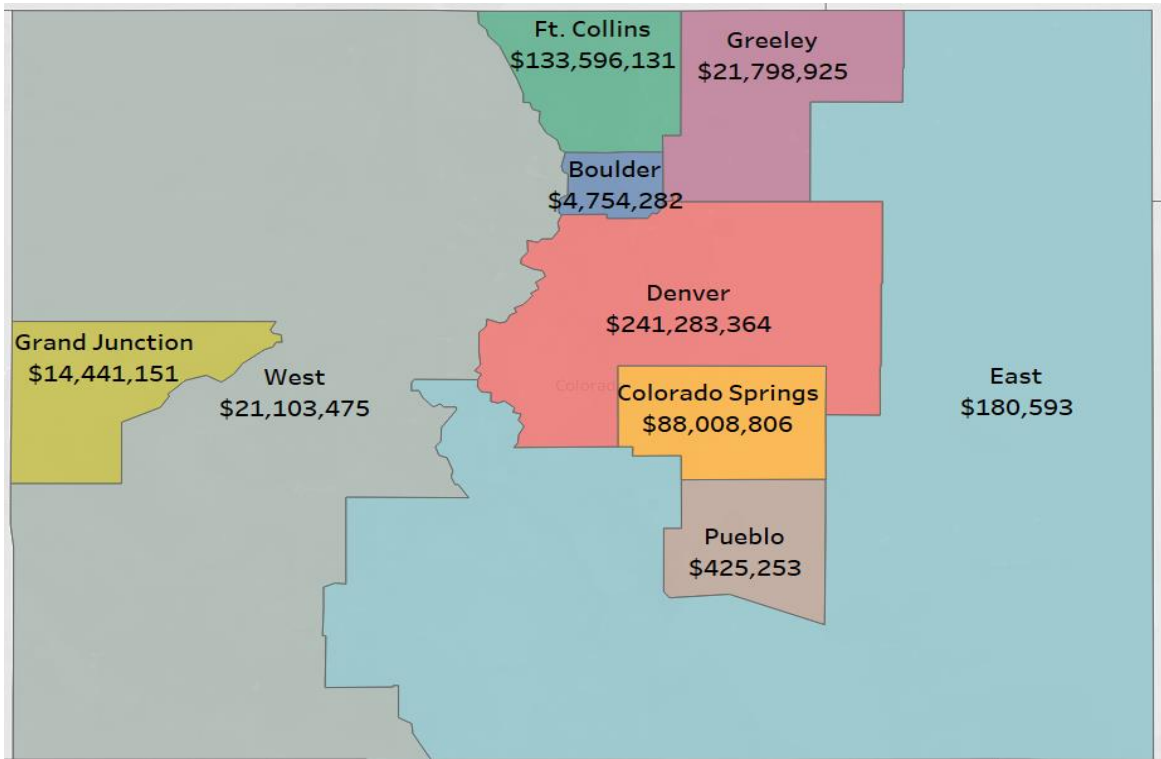
IV. Recommendations

The Department is making the following recommendations to the General Assembly:

1. Hospitals experienced challenges to report their community benefit expenditures in the state's categories as those do not crosswalk to the federal categories exactly. While the Department will continue to provide guidance to hospitals, the General Assembly may wish to re-evaluate the categories that are being reported to align with federal definitions.

2. The current law does not require a minimum expenditure in any category or set priorities. The General Assembly may wish to establish community benefit priorities in future legislation.

3. Because there is currently no consistent national standard on what community benefit entails, the General Assembly may wish to include information on what other States have done or are doing as part of their community benefit process and oversight.

4. With no consistent national standard and no requirement on a minimum expenditure for community benefit, the General Assembly may wish to include additional information from the Schedule H as well as an audit on the tax benefit in order to have a better understanding of the hospitals tax exemption benefit and community benefit spending.

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V. Definitions

Community - the community that a hospital has defined as the community that it serves pursuant to 26 CFR § 1.501(r)-(b)(3).

Community Benefit Implementation Plan - a plan that satisfies the requirements of an implementation strategy as described in 26 CFR § 1.501(r)-3(c).

Community Health Center - a federally qualified health center as defined in 42 U.S.C. sec. 1395x(aa)(4) or a rural health clinic as defined in 42 U.S.C. sec. 1395x (aa)(2).

Community Health Needs Assessment - a community health needs assessment that satisfies the requirements of 26 CFR § 1.501(r)-3(b).

Community Identified Health Need - a health need of a Community that is identified in a Community Health Needs Assessment.

Financial assistance policy (FAP) - a written policy that meets the requirements described in § 1.501(r)– 4(b).

Free or Discounted Health Care Services - health care services provided by the hospital to persons who meet the hospital's criteria for financial assistance and are unable to pay for all or a portion of the services, or physical or behavioral health care services funded by the hospital but provided without charge to patients by other organizations in the Community. Free or Discounted Health Care Services does not include the following:

1. Services reimbursed through the Colorado Indigent Care Program (CICP),

2. Bad debt or uncollectable amounts owed that the hospital recorded as revenue but wrote off due to a patient's failure to pay, or the cost of providing care to such patients,

3. The difference between the cost of care provided under Medicaid or other means-tested government programs or under Medicare and the revenue derived therefrom,

4. Self-pay or prompt pay discounts, or

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5. Contractual adjustments with any third-party payers.

Health System - a larger corporation or organizational structure that owns, contains, or operates more than one hospital.

Programs that Address Health Behaviors or Risk - programs funded by the hospital and provided by the hospital or other Community organizations that provide education, mentorship, or other supports that help people make or maintain healthy life choices or manage chronic disease, including addiction prevention and treatment programs, suicide prevention programs and mental health treatment, programs to prevent tobacco use, disease management programs, nutrition education programs, programs that support maternal health, including screening, referral and treatment for perinatal and postpartum depression and anxiety, and healthy birth outcomes, and programs that help seniors and people with disabilities live as independently as possible in the Community.

Programs that Address the Social Determinants of Health - funding or in-kind programs or services that improve social, economic, and environmental conditions that impact health in the Community. Social and economic conditions that impact health include education; employment; income; family and social support; and Community safety. Environmental conditions that impact health include air and water quality, housing, and transit. Programs that Address the Social Determinants of Health include but are not limited to the following:

1. Job training programs,

2. Support for early childhood and elementary, middle, junior-high, and high school education,

3. Programs that increase access to nutritious food and safe housing,

4. Medical Legal Partnerships, and

5. Community-building activities that could be included in Part II of Schedule H of the Form 990.

Reporting Hospital

1. A hospital licensed as a general hospital pursuant to Part 1 of Article 3 of Title 25 of the Colorado Revised Statutes and exempt from Federal

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taxation pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Federal Internal Revenue code, but not including a general hospital that is federally certified or undergoing federal certification as a long-term care hospital pursuant to 42 CFR § 412.23(e) or that is federally certified or undergoing federal certification as a critical access hospital pursuant to 42 CFR § 485 Subpart F,

2. A hospital established pursuant to § 25-29-103 C.R.S., or

3. A hospital established pursuant to § 23-21-503 C.R.S.

Safety Net Clinic - a Community clinic licensed or certified by the Department of Public Health and Environment pursuant to Section § 25-1.5-103 (1)(a)(I) or (1)(a)(II), C.R.S.

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