Reporting COVID-19 Costs as Community Benefit

During the unprecedented health care pandemic caused by the COVID-19, Trinity Health is incurring expenses above the normal cost of business and subsidizing health services in order to address community needs, which may be included in community benefit reporting.

These expenses may be reported in several departments/cost centers, including the new COVID-19 department/cost center, 81205, which captures many incremental costs that may be counted as community benefit.

Embedded below is a document that provide information to help determine what counts as community benefit and in what categories they should be reported. Refer to Catholic Health Association of the United States’ (CHA), "A Guide for Planning and Reporting Community Benefit" for complete community benefit guidance.

CHA COVID-19 Community Benefit is a draft resource that includes examples of what may be counted as community benefit.

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