SCHEDULE H (Form 990)

Hospitals

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, question 20a.

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Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, INC.

Employer identification number 58-0566223

Par	t I Financial Assistance a	nd Certain Otl	her Communi	ty Benefits at	Cost				
								Yes	No
1a	Did the organization have a financial	assistance policy	during the tax yea	r? If "No," skip to	question 6a		1a	X	
b							1b	Х	
2	If "Yes," was it a written policy? If the organization had multiple hospital fa to its various hospital facilities during the	cilities, indicate which ax vear:	n of the following bes	st describes applicati	on of the financial ass	sistance policy			
	X Applied uniformly to all hospita	al facilities			st hospital facilities				
	Generally tailored to individual	hospital facilities							
3	Answer the following based on the financial assistance eligibility criteria that applied to the largest number of the organization's patients during the tax year.								
а	Did the organization use Federal Pov	erty Guidelines (FF	PG) as a factor in o	determining eligibil	ity for providing fr	ee care?			
	If "Yes," indicate which of the following	ng was the FPG fa	mily income limit	for eligibility for fre	e care:		3a	Х	
	100% 150% X 200% Other %								
b	b Did the organization use FPG as a factor in determining eligibility for providing <i>discounted</i> care? If "Yes," indicate which								
	of the following was the family income limit for eligibility for discounted care:							Х	
	200% 250% 300% 350% X 400% Other %								
С	If the organization used factors other								
	eligibility for free or discounted care.		•	-		other			
	threshold, regardless of income, as a Did the organization's financial assistance policy					eare to the			
4	"medically indigent"?						4	X	
	Did the organization budget amounts for						5a	Х	
	If "Yes," did the organization's finance						5b		X
С	If "Yes" to line 5b, as a result of budg	•	•	•					
	care to a patient who was eligible for						5c	77	├──
	Ga Did the organization prepare a community benefit report during the tax year?						6a	X	
b	If "Yes," did the organization make it	available to the pu	ıblic?				6b	Х	
Complete the following table using the worksheets provided in the Schedule H instructions. Do not submit these worksheets with the Schedule H.									
7 Financial Assistance and Certain Other Community Benefits at Cost									
	Financial Assistance and	(a) Number of activities or programs (optional)	(b) Persons served (optional)	(c) Total community benefit expense	(d) Direct offsetting revenue	(e) Net community benefit expense		Percer of total expense	
	ins-Tested Government Programs	programs (optional)	(optional)				<u> </u>	expense	
а	Financial Assistance at cost (from			9882765.		9882765.	٦	.71	9
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D	Medicaid (from Worksheet 3,			26095118	39166715.	0.		.00	Q.
_	column a) Costs of other means-tested			20055110.	33100713.	<u> </u>		• • •	-
C	government programs (from								
	Worksheet 3, column b)								
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u	Means-Tested Government Programs			35977883.	39166715.	9882765.	3	.71	용
	Other Benefits								
е	Community health								
_	improvement services and								
	community benefit operations								
	(from Worksheet 4)	16	2,256	816,968.	10,000.	806,968.		.30	ક્ર
f	Health professions education		-						
	(from Worksheet 5)	12	800	2371395.		2371395.		.89	8
g	Subsidized health services								
_	(from Worksheet 6)	3		202,500.	100,000.	102,500.		.04	ક
h	Research (from Worksheet 7)								
i	Cash and in-kind contributions								
	for community benefit (from								
	Worksheet 8)	2	296			13,568.		.01	
j	Total. Other Benefits	33		3404431.		3294431.		.24	
k	Total. Add lines 7d and 7j	33	3,352	39382314.	39276715.	13177196.	4	.95	웅

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Part II Community Building Activities. Complete this table if the organization conducted any community building activities during the tax year, and describe in Part VI how its community building activities promoted the health of the communities it serves.

		(a) Number of activities or programs (optional)	(b) Persons served (optional)	(C) Total community building expens	offsetting		(e) Net community building expense	1 '	Percent al expens	
1	Physical improvements and housing			1 00	_		1 076	+	0.07	
_2	Economic development	1	2.0	1,97			1,976		.009	
3	Community support	2	30	4,97	8.		4,978	+	.009	8
4_	Environmental improvements							+		
5	Leadership development and									
6	training for community members Coalition building							+		
7	Community health improvement							+		
•	advocacy									
8	Workforce development	1		2,58	9.		2,589		.009	§
9	Other			•			·			
10	Total	4	30	9,54	3.		9,543		.009	हें इ
Pai	rt III Bad Debt, Medicare, 8	k Collection Pr	actices							
Sect	ion A. Bad Debt Expense								Yes	No
1	Did the organization report bad debt	t expense in accord	ance with Healtho	are Financial	Management /	Associat	ion			
	Statement No. 15?							1	Х	
2	Enter the amount of the organization	n's bad debt expens	se. Explain in Part	VI the						
	methodology used by the organization				2	10	,089,422	4		
3	Enter the estimated amount of the o	•	•							
	patients eligible under the organizati				ı					
	methodology used by the organization				` l _		0 .			
	for including this portion of bad debt	,					0 .	4		
4	Provide in Part VI the text of the foot	•								
Soct	expense or the page number on whition B. Medicare	ch this loothole is t	contained in the at	lached linanc	iai statements	-				
5	Enter total revenue received from Me	edicare (including F	SH and IME)		5	1 60	,635,858			
6							,890,313			
7	0.745.545									
8	Describe in Part VI the extent to which						· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
	Also describe in Part VI the costing r					•				
	Check the box that describes the me	ethod used:								
	Cost accounting system	X Cost to char	ge ratio	Other						
Sect	ion C. Collection Practices									
9a	Did the organization have a written of	debt collection polic	by during the tax y	ear?				9a	X	
b	If "Yes," did the organization's collection p		-		-		provisions on the			
Do	collection practices to be followed for pater IV Management Compan	tients who are known	to qualify for financia	al assistance? D	escribe in Part	VI		9b	X	
Га	it iv Management Compan						employees, and physic	ians - see	instruction	ons)
	(a) Name of entity		cription of primary tivity of entity		(c) Organizatio		Officers, direct- rs, trustees, or		hysicia	
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Part V Facility Information										
Section A. Hospital Facilities		_ E			ital					
(list in order of size, from largest to smallest - see instructions)	 	Gen. medical & surgical	ם	ਙ	Critical access hospital					
How many hospital facilities did the organization operate	pita	s su	spi	spita	ss h	ility				
during the tax year?1	_ g	%	일	hos	ces	fac	ars			
Name, address, primary website address, and state license number (and if a group return, the name and EIN of the subordinate hospital	icensed hospital	edic	Children's hospital	eaching hospital	l ac	Research facility	ER-24 hours	je		Facility reporting
organization that operates the hospital facility):	Sens	л. П	ļģ	ach	itica	sea	1-24	ER-other		group
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1 ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL	_									
1230 BAXTER STREET	_									
ATHENS, GA 30606										
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LICENSE #U29-100	^	Х		Х			Х		CENTERS	

Part V Facility Information (continued)

Section B. Facility Policies and Practices

(complete a separate Section B for each of the hospital facilities or facility reporting groups listed in Part V, Section A)

Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group: $\underline{ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL}$

Line number of hospital facility, or line numbers of hospital	
facilities in a facility reporting group (from Part V, Section A):	1

iaci	inties in a facility reporting group (from Part V, Section A):		Yes	No
Cor	nmunity Health Needs Assessment			
	Was the hospital facility first licensed, registered, or similarly recognized by a state as a hospital facility in the			
	current tax year or the immediately preceding tax year?	1		Х
2	Was the hospital facility acquired or placed into service as a tax-exempt hospital in the current tax year or			
	the immediately preceding tax year? If "Yes," provide details of the acquisition in Section C	2		Х
3	During the tax year or either of the two immediately preceding tax years, did the hospital facility conduct a			
	community health needs assessment (CHNA)? If "No," skip to line 12	3	X	
	If "Yes," indicate what the CHNA report describes (check all that apply):			
a	A definition of the community served by the hospital facility			
k	Demographics of the community			
c	Existing health care facilities and resources within the community that are available to respond to the health needs			
	of the community			
c	How data was obtained			
e	The significant health needs of the community			
f	X Primary and chronic disease needs and other health issues of uninsured persons, low-income persons, and minority			
	groups			
ç	The process for identifying and prioritizing community health needs and services to meet the community health needs			
r	The process for consulting with persons representing the community's interests			
i	X The impact of any actions taken to address the significant health needs identified in the hospital facility's prior CHNA(s)			
j	Other (describe in Section C)			
4	Indicate the tax year the hospital facility last conducted a CHNA: 20 21			
5	In conducting its most recent CHNA, did the hospital facility take into account input from persons who represent the broad			
	interests of the community served by the hospital facility, including those with special knowledge of or expertise in public			
	health? If "Yes," describe in Section C how the hospital facility took into account input from persons who represent the			
	community, and identify the persons the hospital facility consulted	5	X	
68	Was the hospital facility's CHNA conducted with one or more other hospital facilities? If "Yes," list the other			
	hospital facilities in Section C	6a		X
k	Was the hospital facility's CHNA conducted with one or more organizations other than hospital facilities? If "Yes,"			
	list the other organizations in Section C	6b		X
7	Did the hospital facility make its CHNA report widely available to the public?	7	X	
	If "Yes," indicate how the CHNA report was made widely available (check all that apply):			
a	A X Hospital facility's website (list url): SEE SCHEDULE H, PART V, SECTION C			
k	Other website (list url):			
C	\mathbf{z} Made a paper copy available for public inspection without charge at the hospital facility			
C				
8	Did the hospital facility adopt an implementation strategy to meet the significant community health needs			
	identified through its most recently conducted CHNA? If "No," skip to line 11	8	X	
9	Indicate the tax year the hospital facility last adopted an implementation strategy: $20 \underline{21}$			
	Is the hospital facility's most recently adopted implementation strategy posted on a website?	10	X	
a	alf "Yes," (list url): SEE SCHEDULE H, PART V, SECTION C			
	o If "No," is the hospital facility's most recently adopted implementation strategy attached to this return?	10b		
11	Describe in Section C how the hospital facility is addressing the significant needs identified in its most			
	recently conducted CHNA and any such needs that are not being addressed together with the reasons why			
	such needs are not being addressed.			
12a	a Did the organization incur an excise tax under section 4959 for the hospital facility's failure to conduct a			
	CHNA as required by section 501(r)(3)?	12a		X
	o If "Yes" to line 12a, did the organization file Form 4720 to report the section 4959 excise tax?	12b		
c	If "Yes" to line 12b, what is the total amount of section 4959 excise tax the organization reported on Form 4720			
	for all of its hospital facilities? \$			

Financial Assistance Policy (FAP)

Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group: $$ S ${ m T}$. r	MARY	S	HOSPITAL
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Did the hospital facility have in place during the tax year a written financial assistance policy that: 18 Explained eligibility criteria for financial assistance, and whether such assistance included free or discounted care? If "Yes," indicate the eligibility criteria explained in the FAP: a		10 01 110	Spiral facility of fetter of facility reporting group.	_	V	
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Other (describe in Section C)

If "Yes," explain in Section C.

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Name of hospital facility or letter of facility reporting group: ST . MARY 'S HOSPITAL								
			Yes	No				
22	Indicate how the hospital facility determined, during the tax year, the maximum amounts that can be charged to FAP-eligible individuals for emergency or other medically necessary care:							
a	The hospital facility used a look-back method based on claims allowed by Medicare fee-for-service during a prior 12-month period							
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23	During the tax year, did the hospital facility charge any FAP-eligible individual to whom the hospital facility provided							
	emergency or other medically necessary services more than the amounts generally billed to individuals who had							
	insurance covering such care?	23		X				
	If "Yes," explain in Section C.							
24	During the tax year, did the hospital facility charge any FAP-eligible individual an amount equal to the gross charge for any							
	service provided to that individual?	24		X				

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ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL:

PART V, SECTION B, LINE 3J: N/A

PART V, SECTION B, LINE 3E:

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL INCLUDED IN ITS COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT (CHNA) WRITTEN REPORT A PRIORITIZED LIST AND DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMUNITY'S SIGNIFICANT HEALTH NEEDS. THROUGH FURTHER PRIORITIZATION AND IDENTIFICATION OF EXISTING COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND ASSETS, THE FOLLOWING FOUR COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS WERE DEEMED MOST SIGNIFICANT:

- ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE
- ADDRESSING SOCIAL NEEDS
- BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH
- CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL:

PART V, SECTION B, LINE 5: COMMUNITY INPUT FOR THE ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL CHNA WAS OBTAINED THROUGH FOCUS GROUPS AND STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSIONS HELD BETWEEN DECEMBER 2021 AND FEBRUARY 2022. THE HOSPITAL ENGAGED STATE, LOCAL, AND REGIONAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS; REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE WHO ARE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED, LOW-INCOME, OR MEMBERS OF MINORITY POPULATIONS; AND INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK ON IDENTIFYING AND PRIORITIZING SIGNIFICANT NEEDS.

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Part V Facility Information (continued)

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AND PRIORITIZE COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS. THIS APPROACH ALLOWS FOR MORE

CONFIDENCE IN THE FINDINGS OF THE CHNA AND ENSURES ROBUSTNESS IN

IDENTIFICATION OF HEALTH NEEDS. THE QUALITATIVE METHODS USED TO SOLICIT

INPUT FROM PRIMARY SOURCES INCLUDED FOCUS GROUPS AND STAKEHOLDER

DISCUSSIONS; THE QUANTITATIVE METHODS UTILIZED SECONDARY DATA SOURCES SUCH

AS THE TRINITY HEALTH DATA HUB FOR SERVICE AREA DATA AND THE EMERGENCY

DEPARTMENT FOR HOSPITAL-SPECIFIC DATA.

THE PRIMARY DATA COLLECTED INCLUDED INPUT FROM PERSONS WHO REPRESENTED THE
BROAD INTERESTS OF THE COMMUNITY AND THOSE WITH SPECIAL KNOWLEDGE OF OR
EXPERTISE IN PUBLIC HEALTH; FEDERAL, REGIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL HEALTH OR
OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES WITH CURRENT DATA OR OTHER INFORMATION
RELEVANT TO THE HEALTH NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY SERVED; LEADERS,
REPRESENTATIVES, OR MEMBERS OF MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED, LOW-INCOME, AND
MINORITY POPULATIONS WITH CHRONIC DISEASE NEEDS IN THE COMMUNITY; AND
INPUT FROM OTHER PERSONS LOCATED IN AND/OR SERVING THE COMMUNITY.
INFORMATION WAS GATHERED BY CONDUCTING FOCUS GROUPS AND STAKEHOLDER
INTERVIEWS WITH INDIVIDUALS REPRESENTING COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC
SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATION, AND
OTHER HOSPITAL STAFF MEMBERS.

THE SECONDARY DATA SOURCES WERE USED TO GATHER DEMOGRAPHIC AND HEALTH
INDICATOR DATA. THE DATA ANALYSIS GENERATED BY THE TRINITY HEALTH DATA HUB
IS BASED ON EACH HOSPITAL'S SERVICE AREA AND PROVIDED COMPREHENSIVE
REPORTS ON THE FOLLOWING INDICATORS: HEALTH CARE ACCESS, ECONOMIC
STABILITY, EDUCATION, SOCIAL SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY CONTEXT, NEIGHBORHOOD
AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT, AND HEALTH OUTCOMES AND BEHAVIORS. SEVERAL

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INDICATORS ARE CALCULATED USING AREAL WEIGHTED INTERPOLATION TO ESTIMATE

THE VALUES FOR EACH CENSUS TRACT WHICH OVERLAPS WITH THE SERVICE AREAS,

AND THE TRACT-LEVEL ESTIMATES ARE AGGREGATED FOR THE HOSPITAL REGIONS. A

RULE HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO ENSURE THE TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF ALL SELECTED

HOSPITAL SERVICE AREAS DOES NOT EXCEED 100% FOR ANY CENSUS TRACT. EACH

HOSPITAL REPORT INCLUDES DATA FROM THE MOST UPDATED AND NATIONALLY

RECOGNIZED SOURCES SUCH AS THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU, AMERICAN COMMUNITY

SURVEY, AND BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL:

PART V, SECTION B, LINE 11: THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS WERE

RECOGNIZED AS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUES THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED TO

IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY. THESE NEEDS WERE

ADDRESSED IN FISCAL YEAR 2024:

ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE:

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IMPROVED ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE VISITS AND SAME-DAY

APPOINTMENTS FOR UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED COMMUNITY MEMBERS. COMMUNITY

INTERNAL MEDICINE OF ATHENS, AN AFFILIATE OF THE HOSPITAL, EXPANDED

OPERATIONS AND RESIDENT PHYSICIANS TO PROVIDE FULL INTERNAL MEDICINE CARE

FOR ADULTS, INCLUDING ROUTINE WELLNESS VISITS, TREATMENT OF MINOR ACUTE

ILLNESSES AND INJURIES, AND MANAGEMENT OF CERTAIN CHRONIC CONDITIONS SUCH

AS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY DISEASE, AND

DIABETES. THE HOSPITAL PARTNERED WITH NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

TO OFFER A COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE PREVENTATIVE CARE TO

UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE ST. MARY'S BREAST HEALTH CENTER

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CONTINUED OFFERING SERVICES IN PREVENTATIVE CARE, HIGH-RISK COUNSELING, RADIOGRAPHIC, AND SURGICAL TREATMENT. THE ST. MARY'S BREAST MEDICAL, HEALTH CENTER ALSO ADDRESSED FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE BY PROVIDING NO-COST MAMMOGRAMS TO PATIENTS IN NEED. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL RECEIVED GRANT FUNDING IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, SUPPORTING AN INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE MOBILE MAMMOGRAMS TO OUR COMMUNITY MEMBERS IN MORE RURAL AREAS. THROUGH THE HOSPITAL'S COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER (CHW) PROGRAM, THE CHW'S WORKED CLOSELY WITH CLINICAL STAFF TO ASSIST UNDERSERVED PATIENTS OBTAIN ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL CARE WHEN NECESSARY, INCLUDING FOLLOW-UP APPOINTMENTS, PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS, DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, AND TRANSPORTATION TO FOLLOW-UP CARE. THE CHW'S ALSO WORKED WITH CASE MANAGEMENT TO ENSURE UNDERINSURED PATIENTS RECEIVED ACCESS TO DIALYSIS TREATMENT, WHICH WAS PAID FOR BY ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL. THROUGH ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, LOW-INCOME PATIENTS CAN APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR MEDICAL CARE, MINIMIZING THE BARRIER TO HEALTH CARE ACCESS EXPERIENCED BY UNINSURED AND UNDERINSURED PATIENTS.

ADDRESSING SOCIAL NEEDS:

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL'S CHW PROGRAM IDENTIFIED AND ADDRESSED THE SOCIAL

NEEDS OF OUR PATIENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. THE CHW'S AND DATA GATHERED

FROM COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS REPORTED THAT TRANSPORTATION, FOOD INSECURITY,

AND HOUSING INSECURITY ARE SOCIAL NEEDS AND BARRIERS TO HEALTH CARE ACCESS

AND HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, OVER 18,000 PATIENTS WERE

SCREENED FOR SOCIAL NEEDS. AN EXAMPLE OF HOW ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL ADDRESSED

THE TRANSPORTATION BARRIER WAS BY CONTRACTING WITH LYFT TO PROVIDE

LOW-INCOME PATIENTS WHO LACKED RESOURCES WITH TRANSPORTATION HOME UPON

BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

Part V Facility Information (continued)

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CONTINUED TO PROVIDE OVER \$50,000 IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO LOW-INCOME

PATIENTS WHO LACKED RESOURCES AND NEEDED ASSISTANCE WITH GUARDIANSHIP

APPLICATIONS. ALSO, THROUGH GREATER UTILIZATION OF OUR INDIGENT CARE FUND,

ST. MARY'S PROVIDED FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR HOUSING, UTILITIES, AND

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR LOW-INCOME PATIENTS WHO LACKED RESOURCES AND

EXPERIENCED SOCIAL NEEDS.

BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH:

TO PROVIDE A FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAM TO FAMILIES CURRENTLY

PARTICIPATING IN THEIR 6-MONTH REHABILITATION RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM. A ST.

MARY'S FOOD AND NUTRITION COORDINATOR PROVIDED COOKING CLASSES AND HELPED

FAMILIES LEARN TO COOK HEALTHY AND NUTRITIOUS FOODS ON THEIR SUPPLEMENTAL

NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) BUDGET. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL ALSO

PROVIDED IN-KIND MATERIALS AND SUPPORT FOR THE 2023 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER

SUMMIT, WHICH PROVIDED EDUCATION AND RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT:

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL OFFERED AN INTRODUCTION TO THE IMPORTANCE OF

BREASTFEEDING AND INFANT NUTRITION, AND BREASTFEEDING BASICS SUCH AS HOW

TO GET STARTED AND HOW TO PREVENT PROBLEMS. ST. MARY'S WELLNESS CENTER IS

THE REGION'S ONLY MEDICAL FITNESS CENTER. THE FACILITY IS A LARGE, FULLY

EQUIPPED GYM WITH A WIDE RANGE OF GROUP FITNESS CLASSES, PERSONAL

TRAINING, MASSAGE THERAPY, AND A MEDICAL WELLNESS PROGRAM. FREE

MEMBERSHIPS WERE PROVIDED TO LOW-INCOME PATIENTS OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

CLINICS. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL PARTNERED WITH WHOLESOME WAVE GEORGIA TO

PROVIDE LOW-INCOME PARTICIPANTS WITH FREE GLYCATED HEMOGLOBIN (A1C)

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DIABETES TESTING AND NUTRITION COUNSELING BY A REGISTERED DIETICIAN. ST.

MARY'S HOSPITAL NEUROSCIENCE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED PROVIDING STROKE

PREVENTION EDUCATION TO THE COMMUNITY, AS WELL AS OFFERING FREE SUPPORT

GROUPS TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY A STROKE. ADDITIONALLY, ST.

MARY'S HOSPITAL INTRODUCED SEVERAL EDUCATION AND SUPPORT GROUPS FOR

OVERWEIGHT AND OBESE PATIENTS, AS WELL AS SUPPORT GROUPS FOR BARIATRIC

PATIENTS.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL:

PART V, SECTION B, LINE 13H: THE HOSPITAL RECOGNIZES THAT NOT ALL PATIENTS

ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE COMPLETE FINANCIAL INFORMATION. THEREFORE, APPROVAL

FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT MAY BE DETERMINED BASED ON LIMITED AVAILABLE

INFORMATION. WHEN SUCH APPROVAL IS GRANTED, IT IS CLASSIFIED AS

"PRESUMPTIVE SUPPORT." EXAMPLES OF PRESUMPTIVE CASES INCLUDE: DECEASED

PATIENTS WITH NO KNOWN ESTATE, HOMELESS PATIENTS, UNEMPLOYED PATIENTS,

NON-COVERED MEDICALLY NECESSARY SERVICES PROVIDED TO PATIENTS QUALIFYING

FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, PATIENT BANKRUPTCIES, AND MEMBERS OF

RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE TAKEN A VOW OF POVERTY AND HAVE NO

RESOURCES INDIVIDUALLY OR THROUGH THE RELIGIOUS ORDER.

FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGED PATIENTS, A THIRD

PARTY MAY BE UTILIZED TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF PATIENT INFORMATION TO ASSESS

FINANCIAL NEED. THIS REVIEW UTILIZES A HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED,

PREDICTIVE MODEL THAT IS BASED ON PUBLIC RECORD DATABASES. THESE PUBLIC

RECORDS ENABLE THE HOSPITAL TO ASSESS WHETHER THE PATIENT IS

CHARACTERISTIC OF OTHER PATIENTS WHO HAVE HISTORICALLY QUALIFIED FOR

Section C. Supplemental Information for Part V, Section B. Provide descriptions required for Part V, Section B, lines 2, 3j, 5, 6a, 6b, 7d, 11, 13b, 13h, 15e, 16j, 18e, 19e, 20a, 20b, 20c, 20d, 20e, 21c, 21d, 23, and 24. If applicable, provide separate descriptions for each hospital facility in a facility reporting group, designated by facility reporting group letter and hospital facility line number from Part V, Section A ("A, 1," "A, 4," "B, 2," "B, 3," etc.) and name of hospital facility.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE TRADITIONAL APPLICATION PROCESS. IN CASES

WHERE THERE IS AN ABSENCE OF INFORMATION PROVIDED DIRECTLY BY THE PATIENT,

AND AFTER EFFORTS TO CONFIRM COVERAGE AVAILABILITY ARE EXHAUSTED, THE

PREDICTIVE MODEL PROVIDES A SYSTEMATIC METHOD TO GRANT PRESUMPTIVE

ELIGIBILITY TO FINANCIALLY DISADVANTAGED PATIENTS.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL:

PART V, SECTION B, LINE 7A:

WWW.STMARYSHEALTHCARESYSTEM.ORG/ABOUT-US/COMMUNITY-BENEFIT

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL:

PART V, SECTION B, LINE 9:

AS PERMITTED IN THE FINAL SECTION 501(R) REGULATIONS, THE HOSPITAL'S

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY WAS ADOPTED WITHIN 4 1/2 MONTHS AFTER THE

FISCAL YEAR END THAT THE CHNA WAS COMPLETED AND MADE WIDELY AVAILABLE

TO THE PUBLIC.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL:

PART V, SECTION B, LINE 10A:

WWW.STMARYSHEALTHCARESYSTEM.ORG/ABOUT-US/COMMUNITY-BENEFIT

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL:

PART V, LINE 16A, FAP WEBSITE:

WWW.STMARYSHEALTHCARESYSTEM.ORG/FOR-PATIENTS/BILLING-INSURANCE/FINANCIAL

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Table 1 ability information (continued)
Section C. Supplemental Information for Part V, Section B. Provide descriptions required for Part V, Section B, lines 2, 3j, 5, 6a, 6b, 7d, 11, 13b, 13h, 15e, 16j, 18e, 19e, 20a, 20b, 20c, 20d, 20e, 21c, 21d, 23, and 24. If applicable, provide separate descriptions for each hospital facility in a facility reporting group, designated by facility reporting group letter and hospital facility line number from Part V, Section A ("A, 1," "A, 4," "B, 2," "B, 3," etc.) and name of hospital facility.
ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL:
PART V, LINE 16B, FAP APPLICATION WEBSITE:
WWW.STMARYSHEALTHCARESYSTEM.ORG/FOR-PATIENTS/BILLING-INSURANCE/FINANCIAL
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ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL:
PART V, LINE 16C, FAP PLAIN LANGUAGE SUMMARY WEBSITE:
WWW.STMARYSHEALTHCARESYSTEM.ORG/FOR-PATIENTS/BILLING-INSURANCE/FINANCIAL
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Part V Facility Information (continued)	-						
ection D. Other Health Care Facilities That Are Not Licensed, Registered, or Similarly Recognized as a Hospital Facility							
(list in order of size, from largest to smallest)							
How many non-hospital health care facilities did the organization operate during the t	ax year?3						
Name and address	Type of facility (describe)						
1 ST. MARY'S DIAG/REHAB/WELLNESS CTR	, specifically (account)						
2470 DANIELLS BRIDGE ROAD, BLDG 300 ATHENS, GA 30606	RADIOLOGY, REHAB, LAB, SLEEP LAB AND WELLNESS CENTER						
2 ST. MARY'S CARDIAC IMAGING	LAD AND WELLINESS CENTER						
2470 DANIELLS BRIDGE RD, BLDG 200 #261 ATHENS, GA 30606	CARDIAC IMAGING						
3 ST. MARY'S WOUND HEALING/INFUSION CTR	OMESTIC TIMETIC						
4017 ATLANTA HIGHWAY, SUITE A ATHENS, GA 30606	WOUND TREATMENT & INFUSION THERAPY						
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Part VI Supplemental Information

Provide the following information.

- 1 Required descriptions. Provide the descriptions required for Part I, lines 3c, 6a, and 7; Part II and Part III, lines 2, 3, 4, 8, and 9h
- 2 Needs assessment. Describe how the organization assesses the health care needs of the communities it serves, in addition to any CHNAs reported in Part V, Section B.
- 3 Patient education of eligibility for assistance. Describe how the organization informs and educates patients and persons who may be billed for patient care about their eligibility for assistance under federal, state, or local government programs or under the organization's financial assistance policy.
- 4 Community information. Describe the community the organization serves, taking into account the geographic area and demographic constituents it serves.
- **Promotion of community health.** Provide any other information important to describing how the organization's hospital facilities or other health care facilities further its exempt purpose by promoting the health of the community (for example, open medical staff, community board, use of surplus funds, etc.).
- 6 Affiliated health care system. If the organization is part of an affiliated health care system, describe the respective roles of the organization and its affiliates in promoting the health of the communities served.
- 7 State filing of community benefit report. If applicable, identify all states with which the organization, or a related organization, files a community benefit report.

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IN ADDITION TO LOOKING AT A MULTIPLE OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES,

OTHER FACTORS ARE CONSIDERED SUCH AS THE PATIENT'S FINANCIAL STATUS AND/OR

ABILITY TO PAY AS DETERMINED THROUGH THE ASSESSMENT PROCESS.

PART I, LINE 6A:

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL REPORTS ITS COMMUNITY BENEFIT INFORMATION AS PART OF

THE CONSOLIDATED COMMUNITY BENEFIT INFORMATION REPORTED BY TRINITY HEALTH

(EIN 35-1443425) IN ITS AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AVAILABLE AT

WWW.TRINITY-HEALTH.ORG.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL ALSO INCLUDES A COPY OF ITS MOST RECENTLY FILED SCHEDULE H ON TRINITY HEALTH'S WEBSITE AT

WWW.TRINITY-HEALTH.ORG/OUR-IMPACT/COMMUNITY-HEALTH-AND-WELL-BEING.

PART I, LINE 7:

THE BEST AVAILABLE DATA WAS USED TO CALCULATE THE COST AMOUNTS REPORTED IN

ITEM 7. FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES, PRIMARILY TOTAL CHARITY CARE AND

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MEANS-TESTED GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS, SPECIFIC COST-TO-CHARGE RATIOS WERE

CALCULATED AND APPLIED TO THOSE CATEGORIES. THE COST-TO-CHARGE RATIO WAS

DERIVED FROM WORKSHEET 2, RATIO OF PATIENT CARE COST-TO-CHARGES. IN OTHER

CATEGORIES, THE BEST AVAILABLE DATA WAS DERIVED FROM THE HOSPITAL'S COST

ACCOUNTING SYSTEM.

PART I, LN 7 COL(F):

THE FOLLOWING NUMBER, \$10,089,422, REPRESENTS THE AMOUNT OF BAD DEBT

EXPENSE INCLUDED IN TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES IN FORM 990, PART IX, LINE

25. PER IRS INSTRUCTIONS, THIS AMOUNT WAS EXCLUDED FROM THE DENOMINATOR

WHEN CALCULATING THE PERCENT OF TOTAL EXPENSE FOR SCHEDULE H, PART I, LINE

7, COLUMN (F).

PART II, COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES:

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

THAT PROMOTE THE HEALTH OF THE COMMUNITIES SERVED BY IMPROVING ACCESS TO

HEALTH SERVICES, ENHANCING PUBLIC HEALTH, AND ADVANCING KNOWLEDGE. ST.

MARY'S HOSPITAL PARTICIPATED IN THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES IN FISCAL YEAR

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT - ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IS A LEAD FACILITATOR IN LOCAL AND REGIONAL PREPAREDNESS ACTIVITIES, ENSURING THAT ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY IS

PREPARED FOR EVENTS. THE DIRECTOR OF SECURITY ATTENDS AND PARTICIPATES IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS MEETINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR. THIS PLANNING ALLOWS COLLABORATION BETWEEN STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS TO PREPARE FOR A LOCAL OR STATEWIDE EMERGENCY. PLANNING IS A VITAL STEP IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT AND SAFEGUARDS COMMUNITY HEALTH IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL ALSO SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY

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BY PARTICIPATING IN SEVERAL WORK GROUPS, INCLUDING ATHENS AREA HOMELESS
COALITION, HEALTHY ATHENS, AND THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TASK FORCE.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL INVESTS IN INITIATIVES THAT

SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY. MEMBERS OF SENIOR

LEADERSHIP SERVE ON LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARDS IN OUR SERVICE AREA

AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL LEAD ATHENS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM DESIGNED TO

DEVELOP EFFECTIVE LEADERS COMMITTED TO BUILDING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT - ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL HAS CONTINUED TO SUPPORT

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN OUR COMMUNITY BY COLLABORATING WITH LOCAL

COLLEGES FOR PROFESSIONAL HEALTH EDUCATION BY PROVIDING HANDS-ON

INSTRUCTION THROUGH CLINICAL HOURS AS PART OF THEIR CURRICULUM.

PART III, LINE 2:

METHODOLOGY USED FOR LINE 2 - ANY DISCOUNTS PROVIDED OR PAYMENTS MADE TO A

PARTICULAR PATIENT ACCOUNT ARE APPLIED TO THAT PATIENT ACCOUNT PRIOR TO

ANY BAD DEBT WRITE-OFF AND ARE THUS NOT INCLUDED IN BAD DEBT EXPENSE. AS A

RESULT OF THE PAYMENT AND ADJUSTMENT ACTIVITY BEING POSTED TO BAD DEBT

ACCOUNTS, WE ARE ABLE TO REPORT BAD DEBT EXPENSE NET OF THESE

TRANSACTIONS.

PART III, LINE 3:

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL USES A PREDICTIVE MODEL THAT INCORPORATES THREE

DISTINCT VARIABLES IN COMBINATION TO PREDICT WHETHER A PATIENT QUALIFIES

FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: (1) SOCIO-ECONOMIC SCORE, (2) ESTIMATED FEDERAL

POVERTY LEVEL (FPL), AND (3) HOMEOWNERSHIP. BASED ON THE MODEL, CHARITY

CARE CAN STILL BE EXTENDED TO PATIENTS EVEN IF THEY HAVE NOT RESPONDED TO

FINANCIAL COUNSELING EFFORTS AND ALL OTHER FUNDING SOURCES HAVE BEEN

EXHAUSTED. FOR FINANCIAL STATEMENT PURPOSES, ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IS

RECORDING AMOUNTS AS CHARITY CARE (INSTEAD OF BAD DEBT EXPENSE) BASED ON

THE RESULTS OF THE PREDICTIVE MODEL. THEREFORE, ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IS

REPORTING ZERO ON LINE 3, SINCE THEORETICALLY ANY POTENTIAL CHARITY CARE

SHOULD HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE PREDICTIVE MODEL.

PART III, LINE 4:

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IS INCLUDED IN THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OF TRINITY HEALTH. THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE PATIENT ACCOUNTS

RECEIVABLE, ESTIMATED RECEIVABLES FROM AND PAYABLES TO THIRD-PARTY PAYERS

FOOTNOTE FROM PAGE 14 OF THOSE STATEMENTS: "AN UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT TO

PAYMENT, SUBJECT ONLY TO THE PASSAGE OF TIME IS TREATED AS A RECEIVABLE.

PATIENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, INCLUDING BILLED ACCOUNTS AND UNBILLED

ACCOUNTS FOR WHICH THERE IS AN UNCONDITIONAL RIGHT TO PAYMENT, AND

ESTIMATED AMOUNTS DUE FROM THIRD-PARTY PAYERS FOR RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENTS,

ARE RECEIVABLES IF THE RIGHT TO CONSIDERATION IS UNCONDITIONAL AND ONLY

THE PASSAGE OF TIME IS REQUIRED BEFORE PAYMENT OF THAT CONSIDERATION IS

DUE. FOR PATIENT ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, THE ESTIMATED UNCOLLECTABLE AMOUNTS

ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED IMPLICIT PRICE CONCESSIONS THAT ARE A DIRECT

REDUCTION TO PATIENT SERVICE REVENUE AND ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.

THE CORPORATION HAS AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD-PARTY PAYERS THAT PROVIDE FOR

PAYMENTS TO THE CORPORATION'S HEALTH MINISTRIES AT AMOUNTS DIFFERENT FROM

ESTABLISHED RATES. ESTIMATED RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENTS UNDER REIMBURSEMENT

AGREEMENTS WITH THIRD-PARTY PAYERS AND OTHER CHANGES IN ESTIMATES ARE

INCLUDED IN NET PATIENT SERVICE REVENUE AND ESTIMATED RECEIVABLES FROM AND

PAYABLES TO THIRD-PARTY PAYERS. RETROACTIVE ADJUSTMENTS ARE ACCRUED ON AN

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ESTIMATED BASIS IN THE PERIOD THE RELATED SERVICES ARE RENDERED AND

ADJUSTED IN FUTURE PERIODS, AS FINAL SETTLEMENTS ARE DETERMINED. ESTIMATED

RECEIVABLES FROM THIRD-PARTY PAYERS ALSO INCLUDES AMOUNTS RECEIVABLE UNDER

STATE MEDICAID PROVIDER TAX PROGRAMS."

PART III, LINE 5:

TOTAL MEDICARE REVENUE REPORTED IN PART III, LINE 5 HAS BEEN REDUCED BY
THE TWO PERCENT SEQUESTRATION REDUCTION.

PART III, LINE 8:

THE IRS COMMUNITY BENEFIT OBJECTIVES INCLUDE RELIEVING OR REDUCING THE

BURDEN OF GOVERNMENT TO IMPROVE HEALTH. TREATING MEDICARE PATIENTS CREATES

SHORTFALLS THAT MUST BE ABSORBED BY HOSPITALS, WHICH PROVIDE CARE

REGARDLESS OF THIS SHORTFALL AND THEREBY RELIEVE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF

THE BURDEN OF PAYING THE FULL COST FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES. THEREFORE,

THE HOSPITAL BELIEVES ANY MEDICARE SHORTFALL SHOULD BE CONSIDERED

COMMUNITY BENEFIT. TRINITY HEALTH AND ITS HOSPITALS REPORT AS COMMUNITY

IMPACT THE LOSS ON MEDICARE AND A HOST OF MANY OTHER EXPENSES DESIGNED TO

SERVE PEOPLE EXPERIENCING POVERTY IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SEE SCHEDULE H,

PART VI, LINE 5 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PART III, LINE 8: COSTING METHODOLOGY FOR LINE 6 - MEDICARE COSTS WERE

OBTAINED FROM THE FILED MEDICARE COST REPORT. THE COSTS ARE BASED ON

MEDICARE ALLOWABLE COSTS AS REPORTED ON WORKSHEET B, COLUMN 26, WHICH

EXCLUDE DIRECT MEDICAL EDUCATION COSTS. INPATIENT MEDICARE COSTS ARE

CALCULATED BASED ON A COMBINATION OF ALLOWABLE COST PER DAY TIMES MEDICARE

DAYS FOR ROUTINE SERVICES AND COST TO CHARGE RATIO TIMES MEDICARE CHARGES

FOR ANCILLARY SERVICES. OUTPATIENT MEDICARE COSTS ARE CALCULATED BASED ON

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COST TO CHARGE RATIO TIMES MEDICARE CHARGES BY ANCILLARY DEPARTMENT.

PART III, LINE 9B:

THE HOSPITAL'S COLLECTION POLICY CONTAINS PROVISIONS ON THE COLLECTION

PRACTICES TO BE FOLLOWED FOR PATIENTS WHO ARE KNOWN TO QUALIFY FOR

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. CHARITY DISCOUNTS ARE APPLIED TO THE AMOUNTS THAT

QUALIFY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. THE HOSPITAL HAS IMPLEMENTED BILLING AND

COLLECTION PRACTICES FOR PATIENT PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS THAT ARE FAIR,

CONSISTENT AND COMPLIANT WITH STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

PART VI, LINE 2:

NEEDS ASSESSMENT - ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL ASSESSES THE HEALTH STATUS OF ITS

COMMUNITY, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS, AS PART OF THE

NORMAL COURSE OF OPERATIONS AND IN THE CONTINUOUS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE

PATIENT CARE AND THE HEALTH OF THE OVERALL COMMUNITY. TO ASSESS THE HEALTH

CARE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY, THE HOSPITAL MAY USE PATIENT DATA, PUBLIC

HEALTH DATA, SOLICIT INPUT FROM FOCUS GROUPS AND STAKEHOLDER DISCUSSIONS,

AND UTILIZE SECONDARY DATA SOURCES SUCH AS THE TRINITY HEALTH DATA HUB FOR

SERVICE AREA DATA AND THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT FOR HOSPITAL-SPECIFIC DATA.

PART VI, LINE 3:

PATIENT EDUCATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR ASSISTANCE - ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

COMMUNICATES EFFECTIVELY WITH PATIENTS REGARDING PATIENT PAYMENT

OBLIGATIONS. FINANCIAL COUNSELING IS OFFERED TO PATIENTS ABOUT THEIR

PAYMENT OBLIGATIONS AND HEALTH CARE BILLS. INFORMATION ON HOSPITAL-BASED

FINANCIAL SUPPORT POLICIES, FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS,

AND OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED CHARITABLE PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR

SERVICES ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO PATIENTS DURING THE PRE-REGISTRATION AND

REGISTRATION PROCESSES AND/OR THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS WITH PATIENTS SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

FINANCIAL COUNSELORS MAKE AFFIRMATIVE EFFORTS TO HELP PATIENTS APPLY FOR

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROGRAMS FOR WHICH THEY MAY QUALIFY AND THAT MAY ASSIST

THEM IN OBTAINING AND PAYING FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES. EVERY EFFORT IS

MADE TO DETERMINE A PATIENT'S ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT PRIOR TO

OR AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION OR SERVICE.

MEANS. NOTIFICATION ABOUT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS,
INCLUDING CONTACT INFORMATION, IS AVAILABLE THROUGH PATIENT BROCHURES,
MESSAGES ON PATIENT BILLS, POSTED NOTICES IN PUBLIC REGISTRATION AREAS
INCLUDING EMERGENCY ROOMS, ADMITTING AND REGISTRATION DEPARTMENTS, AND
OTHER PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES OFFICES. SUMMARIES OF HOSPITAL PROGRAMS
ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO APPROPRIATE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ASSIST PEOPLE IN NEED. INFORMATION
REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS IS ALSO AVAILABLE
ON HOSPITAL WEBSITES. IN ADDITION TO ENGLISH, THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO
AVAILABLE IN OTHER LANGUAGES AS REQUIRED BY INTERNAL REVENUE CODE SECTION
501(R), REFLECTING OTHER PRIMARY LANGUAGES SPOKEN BY THE POPULATION
SERVICED BY OUR HOSPITAL.

PART VI, LINE 4:

COMMUNITY INFORMATION - THE GEOGRAPHIC SERVICE AREA WAS DEFINED AT THE

COUNTY-LEVEL FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE 2022 CHNA. THE SERVICE AREA WAS

DETERMINED BY COUNTING THE NUMBER OF PATIENT VISITS BY COUNTY OF

RESIDENCE. SEVEN COUNTIES WERE DEFINED AS THE SERVICE AREA FOR ST. MARY'S

HOSPITAL: ATHENS-CLARKE, BARROW, JACKSON, MADISON, OCONEE, OGLETHORPE, AND WALTON. THE TOTAL POPULATION IN THE SERVICE AREA IS 532,526. IN

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY, THERE IS ONE OTHER HOSPITAL, PIEDMONT ATHENS
REGIONAL HOSPITAL, AND ONE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER, ATHENS
NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CENTER.

PART VI, LINE 5:

PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH - ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL'S OVERALL

RESPONSIVENESS TO THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY IS EVIDENCED BY OUR

PARTICIPATION IN LOCAL COMMITTEES, COALITIONS, PANELS, ADVISORY GROUPS,

COMMISSIONS, AND BOARDS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, MANY HOSPITAL SENIOR LEADERS

DONATED THEIR TIME AND EXPERTISE TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT STRIVE TO IMPROVE

COMMUNITY HEALTH, INCLUDING THE MERCY HEALTH CENTER, UNITED WAY OF

NORTHEAST GEORGIA, BRIGHTPATHS, AND SANDY CREEK NATURE TRAIL. COMMUNITY

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING STAFF PARTICIPATED IN SEVERAL COMMUNITY BUILDING

COMMITTEES, INCLUDING THE HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIC PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE,

AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE, AND HEALTHY ATHENS.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL ADVANCES HEALTH CARE BY IMPROVING ACCESS TO EDUCATION

AND TRAINING. EACH YEAR, THE HOSPITAL WELCOMES HUNDREDS OF STUDENTS FROM

LOCAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES WHO ARE STUDYING TO BECOME THE NEXT

GENERATION OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, THE AUGUSTA

UNIVERSITY/UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA MEDICAL PARTNERSHIP (INTERNAL MEDICINE

RESIDENCY PROGRAM) AT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL GRADUATED ITS SEVENTH CLASS OF

RESIDENTS. CREATING A QUALITY RESIDENCY PROGRAM AT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IS

VITAL TO THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE IN NORTHEAST GEORGIA.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY EVENTS THAT BENEFIT

EVERYONE FROM NEWBORNS TO PEOPLE WITH LIFE-LIMITING ILLNESSES. THE

COMMUNITY EVENTS INCLUDED THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER BREAKFAST, SUBSTANCE

USE DISORDER SUMMIT, AND BRIGHTPATHS' STARRY STARRY NIGHT GALA.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IS GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTED TO THE

VALUES OF THE HOSPITAL AND TO ENSURING THAT ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL CONTINUES

ITS MISSION OF BEING A COMPASSIONATE, HEALING PRESENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY.

THE 11-MEMBER BOARD IS PRIMARILY COMPRISED OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IS GUIDED BY THE ST. MARY'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM MISSION
OF IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. ST. MARY'S
HOSPITAL IS A 196-BED FULL-SERVICE HOSPITAL ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT
COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATIONS. THE HOSPITAL
PROVIDES A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICES, INCLUDING GENERAL SURGERY AND A 24-HOUR
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT THAT SERVES ALL INDIVIDUALS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR
ABILITY TO PAY. AS A HOSPITAL IN THE ST. MARY'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, WE
BRING SPECIALTY SERVICES CONVENIENTLY LOCATED CLOSE TO HOME TO COMMUNITY
MEMBERS, PROVIDED BY A NETWORK OF PHYSICIANS.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL FINANCIALLY SUPPORTED AND PARTICIPATED IN ENVISION

ATHENS, A 20-YEAR EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL ATHENIANS

ACROSS 14 BROAD DIMENSIONS. THE LOCAL CONTINUUM OF CARE FOR HOMELESS

SERVICES ALSO SERVED AS A COLLABORATIVE BODY MADE UP OF MANY ORGANIZATIONS

AND AGENCIES THAT SERVE THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING

INSECURITY IN OUR COMMUNITY.

IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, ST. MARY'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM ADVOCATED FOR AND

ADVANCED THE ROLE OF COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS (CHW'S) ACROSS GEORGIA, IN A

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COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS HEALTH DISPARITIES AND IMPROVING ACCESS TO CARE FOR
THOSE WHO ARE UNDERSERVED. GEORGIA WATCH, A CONSUMER ADVOCACY

ORGANIZATION, HOSPITAL LEADERSHIP AND THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELL-BEING
DEPARTMENT WORKED WITH STATE LEGISLATORS TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION TO

ESTABLISH A FORMAL LICENSURE PROCESS FOR CHW'S. THIS LEGISLATION AIMED TO
ENSURE STANDARDIZED TRAINING, CERTIFICATION, AND PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION
OF CHW'S THROUGHOUT THE STATE, WHILE ALSO ENABLING REIMBURSEMENT THROUGH
MEDICAID AND OTHER PAYERS. THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY
ORGANIZATIONS, THE HOSPITAL EDUCATED THE PUBLIC AND POLICYMAKERS ON THE
IMPORTANCE OF EXPANDING THE CHW WORKFORCE TO ADDRESS HEALTH INEQUITIES,
PARTICULARLY IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED AREAS.

IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL MADE THE FOLLOWING EFFORTS TO

ADDRESS THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AS PART OF

THE HOSPITAL'S BROADER COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING HEALTH OUTCOMES:

ANCHOR INSTITUTION - ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IS AN ANCHOR INSTITUTION THAT

COLLABORATES WITH COMMUNITIES, CHURCHES, BUSINESSES, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE

ORGANIZATIONS TO LEVERAGE THEIR ECONOMIC POWER ALONGSIDE THEIR HUMAN AND

INTELLECTUAL RESOURCES TO IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE

OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. OUR HOSPITAL LEADERS AND STAFF OFFER THEIR EXPERTISE

TO A VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND BOARDS THAT STRIVE TO IMPROVE OUR

COMMUNITY.

FOOD SECURITY - UNDERSTANDING THE CRITICAL LINK BETWEEN NUTRITION AND
HEALTH, ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL PARTNERED WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS LIKE
WHOLESOME WAVE GEORGIA TO EXPAND ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD FOR UNDERSERVED
POPULATIONS.

CHW-LED SOCIAL CARE NAVIGATION - ST. MARY'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM CONTINUED

THE CHW PROGRAM TO ASSESS PATIENT'S SOCIAL NEEDS SUCH AS EMPLOYMENT,

HOUSING, FOOD ACCESS, AND TRANSPORTATION. THE CHW PROGRAM CONNECTS

PATIENTS TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES, WHILE ALSO ASSISTING THEM IN

NAVIGATING SOCIAL SYSTEMS THAT COULD IMPROVE THEIR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL

CONDITIONS. THIS HOLISTIC APPROACH HELPS ADDRESS UNDERLYING SOCIAL

INFLUENCERS THAT OFTEN GO UNRECOGNIZED DURING STANDARD HEALTH CARE

INTERACTIONS.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE - ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL EXPANDED ITS OUTREACH EFFORTS

FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS TO ENSURE THAT UNINSURED AND

UNDERINSURED PATIENTS WERE AWARE OF THE SUPPORT AVAILABLE FOR MEDICAL

BILLS, IMPROVING ACCESS TO TIMELY CARE AND SUPPORTING THE OVERALL

WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY. THE HOSPITAL PARTNERED WITH FIRSTSOURCE, A

PATIENT FINANCIAL SERVICES PROVIDER, TO ASSIST PATIENTS IN NAVIGATING AND

APPLYING FOR MEDICAID AND OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE OPTIONS. THIS

COLLABORATION WITH FIRSTSOURCE ALLEVIATED ECONOMIC BARRIERS AND ENSURED

THAT MORE PATIENTS RECEIVED THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES THEY NEEDED WITHOUT

WORRYING ABOUT FINANCIAL HARDSHIP.

IN FISCAL YEAR 2024, TRINITY HEALTH ASSESSED THE TOTAL IMPACT ITS

HOSPITALS HAVE ON COMMUNITY HEALTH. THIS ASSESSMENT INCLUDES TRADITIONAL

COMMUNITY BENEFIT AS REPORTED IN PART I, COMMUNITY BUILDING AS REPORTED IN

PART II, THE SHORTFALL ON MEDICARE SERVICES AS REPORTED IN PART III, AS

WELL AS EXPENSES THAT ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE PART I COMMUNITY BENEFIT

CALCULATION BECAUSE THEY ARE OFFSET BY EXTERNAL FUNDING. ALSO INCLUDED ARE

ALL COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS, INCLUDING THOSE OPERATING IN OUR CLINICALLY

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INTEGRATED NETWORKS. OUR GOAL IN SHARING THE COMMUNITY IMPACT IS TO

DEMONSTRATE HOW OUR CATHOLIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT HEALTH SYSTEM MAKES A

DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE - FOCUSING ON IMPACTING PEOPLE

EXPERIENCING POVERTY - THROUGH FINANCIAL INVESTMENTS.

ST. MARY'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM'S COMMUNITY IMPACT IN FISCAL YEAR 2024

TOTALED \$34.3 MILLION.

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ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IS A MEMBER OF TRINITY HEALTH, ONE OF THE LARGEST

CATHOLIC HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS IN THE COUNTRY. TRINITY HEALTH'S

COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELL-BEING (CHWB) STRATEGY PROMOTES OPTIMAL HEALTH FOR

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING POVERTY AND OTHER VULNERABILITIES IN THE COMMUNITIES

WE SERVE - EMPHASIZING THE NECESSITY TO INTEGRATE SOCIAL AND CLINICAL

CARE. WE DO THIS BY:

- 1. ADDRESSING PATIENT SOCIAL NEEDS,
- 2. INVESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES, AND
- 3. STRENGTHENING THE IMPACT OF OUR COMMUNITY BENEFIT.

TRINITY HEALTH CHWB TEAMS LEAD THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF

TRIENNIAL COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENTS AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

AND FOCUS INTENTIONALLY ON ENGAGING COMMUNITIES AND RESIDENTS EXPERIENCING

POVERTY AND OTHER VULNERABILITIES. WE BELIEVE THAT COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND

COMMUNITIES THAT ARE THE MOST IMPACTED BY RACISM AND OTHER FORMS OF

DISCRIMINATION EXPERIENCE THE GREATEST DISPARITIES AND INEQUITIES IN

HEALTH OUTCOMES AND SHOULD BE INCLUSIVELY ENGAGED IN ALL COMMUNITY HEALTH

ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS. THROUGHOUT OUR WORK, WE AIM TO

DISMANTLE OPPRESSIVE SYSTEMS AND BUILD COMMUNITY CAPACITY AND

PARTNERSHIPS.

TRINITY HEALTH AND ITS MEMBER HOSPITALS ARE COMMITTED TO THE DELIVERY OF
PEOPLE-CENTERED CARE AND SERVING AS A COMPASSIONATE AND TRANSFORMING
HEALING PRESENCE WITHIN THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. AS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT
HEALTH SYSTEM, TRINITY HEALTH REINVESTS ITS PROFITS BACK INTO THE
COMMUNITIES AND IS COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF EACH
COMMUNITY. IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 (FY24), TRINITY HEALTH CONTRIBUTED NEARLY
\$1.3 BILLION IN COMMUNITY BENEFIT SPENDING TO AID THOSE WHO ARE
EXPERIENCING POVERTY AND OTHER VULNERABILITIES, AND TO IMPROVE THE HEALTH
STATUS OF THE COMMUNITIES IN WHICH WE SERVE. TRINITY HEALTH FURTHERED ITS
COMMITMENT THROUGH AN ADDITIONAL \$900 MILLION IN PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES
THAT IMPACT OUR COMMUNITIES - YIELDING A TOTAL COMMUNITY IMPACT OF \$2.2
BILLION IN FY24.

TRINITY HEALTH'S COMMUNITY INVESTING PROGRAM FINISHED FY24 WITH MORE THAN \$68 MILLION COMMITTED TO BUILDING VITAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES. THESE FUNDS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH 31 PARTNERS, WERE PAIRED WITH OTHER RESOURCES TO GENERATE MORE THAN \$931.5 MILLION IN INVESTMENTS, WITH APPROXIMATELY 80% (\$749.3 MILLION) OF THESE FUNDS SUPPORTING HIGH PRIORITY ZIP CODES WITHIN TRINITY HEALTH'S SERVICE AREAS (DEFINED AS RACIALLY/ETHNICALLY-DIVERSE COMMUNITIES WITH HIGH LEVELS OF POVERTY). BETWEEN 2018 AND APRIL 2024, THESE INVESTMENTS HAVE BEEN INSTRUMENTAL IN CREATING MUCH-NEEDED COMMUNITY RESOURCES FOR THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE, NOTABLY:

- CREATING AT LEAST 1,100 CHILDCARE; 7,000 KINDERGARTEN THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION; AND 1,500 EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION SLOTS.
- DEVELOPING AT LEAST 7.3 MILLION SQUARE FEET OF GENERAL REAL ESTATE.
- PROVIDING 872 STUDENTS NEARLY \$2.5 MILLION IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO PURSUE

CAREERS IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS.

- SUPPORTING 10,800 FULL- AND PART-TIME POSITIONS INVOLVED IN THE CREATION OF THESE PROJECTS.
- CREATING 12,100 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS (INCLUDING 360 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BEDS).

ACROSS THE TRINITY HEALTH SYSTEM, OVER 875,000 (ABOUT 80%) OF THE PATIENTS

SEEN IN PRIMARY CARE SETTINGS WERE SCREENED FOR SOCIAL NEEDS. ABOUT 28% OF

THOSE SCREENED IDENTIFIED AT LEAST ONE SOCIAL NEED. THE TOP THREE NEEDS

IDENTIFIED INCLUDED FOOD ACCESS, FINANCIAL INSECURITY AND SOCIAL

ISOLATION. TRINITY HEALTH'S ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORD (EPIC) MADE IT

POSSIBLE FOR TRINITY HEALTH TO STANDARDIZE SCREENING FOR SOCIAL NEEDS AND

CONNECT PATIENTS TO COMMUNITY RESOURCES THROUGH THE COMMUNITY RESOURCE

DIRECTORY (CRD), COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS (CHW'S) AND OTHER SOCIAL CARE

PROFESSIONALS. THE CRD (FINDHELP) YIELDED OVER 88,600 SEARCHES, WITH

NEARLY 7,000 REFERRALS MADE AND NEARLY 400 ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED THROUGH

OUTREACH, TRAININGS, ONE-ON-ONE ENGAGEMENTS, AND COLLABORATIVES.

CHW'S ARE FRONTLINE HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE TRUSTED MEMBERS OF AND/OR
HAVE A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVED. BY COMBINING THEIR
LIVED EXPERIENCE AND CONNECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY WITH EFFECTIVE TRAINING,
CHW'S PROVIDE PATIENT-CENTERED AND CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE INTERVENTIONS.
CHW'S FULFILL MANY SKILLS AND FUNCTIONS INCLUDING OUTREACH, CONDUCTING
ASSESSMENTS LIKE A SOCIAL NEEDS SCREENING OR A HEALTH ASSESSMENT, RESOURCE
CONNECTION, SYSTEM NAVIGATION, GOAL-SETTING AND PROBLEM-SOLVING THROUGH
ONGOING EDUCATION, ADVOCACY, AND SUPPORT. IN PRACTICE, SOME EXAMPLES ARE A
CHW HELPING A PATIENT CONNECT WITH THEIR PRIMARY CARE DOCTOR, ASSISTING
WITH A MEDICAID INSURANCE APPLICATION OR UNDERSTANDING THEIR BASIC

Part VI Supplemental Information (Continuation) INSURANCE BENEFITS, OR EMPOWERING A PATIENT TO ASK CLARIFYING QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR MEDICATIONS OR PLAN OF CARE AT THEIR NEXT DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT. IN FY24, CHW'S SUCCESSFULLY ADDRESSED NEARLY 16,000 SOCIAL NEEDS. ONE SOCIAL NEED (SUCH AS ADDRESSING HOUSING OR FOOD NEEDS) CAN OFTEN TAKE MONTHS, OR EVEN A YEAR TO SUCCESSFULLY CLOSE, WHICH MEANS THE NEED HAS BEEN FULLY MET AND IS NO LONGER IDENTIFIED AS A NEED. TRINITY HEALTH RECEIVED A NEW CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION GRANT (5-YEAR, \$12.5 MILLION AWARD) IN JUNE 2024. SINCE ITS LAUNCH, WE HAVE CREATED 21 NEW MULTI-SECTOR PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS 16 STATES TO ACCELERATE HEALTH EQUITY IN DIABETES PREVENTION. THIS PAST FISCAL YEAR, OUR HUB ENROLLED NEARLY 700 PARTICIPANTS INTO THE 12-MONTH, EVIDENCE-BASED LIFESTYLE CHANGE PROGRAM (60% REPRESENTING BLACK, LATINX AND/OR 65+ POPULATIONS), REACHED OUT TO NEARLY 20,350 PATIENTS AT RISK FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES, RECEIVED OVER 1,350 POINT OF CARE REFERRALS FROM PHYSICIANS, AND SCREENED NEARLY 1,500 POTENTIAL PARTICIPANTS FOR HEALTH-RELATED SOCIAL NEEDS - PROVIDING CHW INTERVENTIONS WHEN REQUESTED. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT TRINITY HEALTH, VISIT WWW.TRINITY-HEALTH.ORG