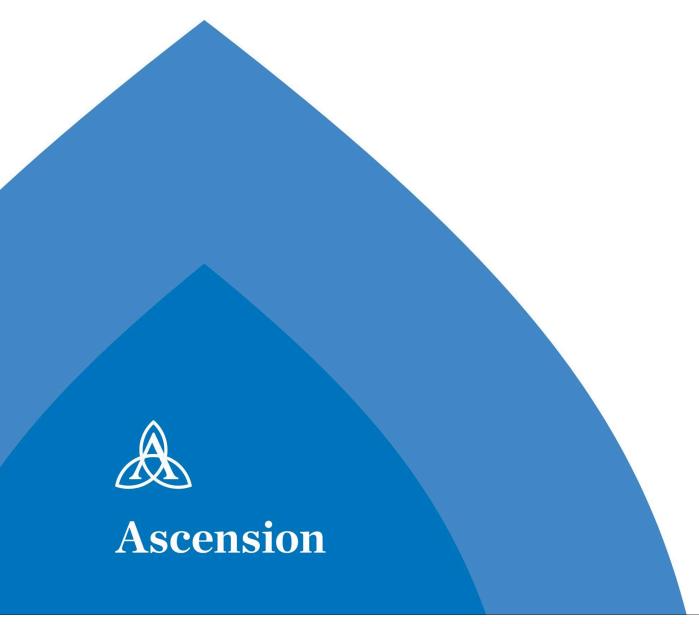
Implementation Strategy for the 2024 CHNA Racine County, WI



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The purpose of this Implementation Strategy (IS) is to describe how the hospital plans to address prioritized health needs from its current Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). The significant health needs the hospital does not intend to address are identified, and a rationale is provided. Special attention has been given to the needs of individuals and communities at increased risk for poor health outcomes or experiencing social factors that place them at risk.

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The Ascension All Saints Hospital, Inc. Board of Directors approved the TY2024 Implementation Strategy on October 29, 2025 and applies to the following three-year cycle: July 2025 to June 2028. This report, as well as the previous report, can be found on our public website.

We value the community's voice and welcome feedback on this report. Please visit our public website (https://healthcare.ascension.org/chna) to submit your comments.





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Introduction

As one of the leading non-profit and Catholic health systems in the United States, Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to impoverished and vulnerable persons.

About Ascension

Ascension is one of the nation's leading non-profit and Catholic health systems, with a Mission of delivering compassionate, personalized care to all with special attention to those most vulnerable. In FY2024, Ascension provided \$2.1 billion in care to persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Across 16 states and the District of Columbia, Ascension's network encompasses approximately 99,000 associates, 23,000 aligned providers, 94 wholly owned or consolidated hospitals, and ownership interests in 27 additional hospitals through partnerships. Ascension also operates 30 senior living facilities and a variety of other care sites offering a range of healthcare services.

Ascension's Mission provides a strong framework and guidance for the work done to meet the needs of communities across the US. It is foundational to transform healthcare and express priorities when providing care and services, particularly to those most in need.

Mission: Rooted in the loving ministry of Jesus as healer, we commit ourselves to serving all persons with special attention to those who are poor and vulnerable. Our Catholic health ministry is dedicated to spiritually-centered, holistic care which sustains and improves the health of individuals and communities. We are advocates for a compassionate and just society through our actions and our words.

For more information about Ascension, visit https://www.ascension.org/.

Ascension Wisconsin

In Wisconsin, Ascension delivers care through 16 hospitals, 12 of which are wholly owned, and four which are jointly operated. Ascension also operates over 100 related healthcare facilities with more than three million patient visits each year. Ascension Wisconsin is a non-profit and Catholic health system with a Mission of delivering compassionate, personalized care to all with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. Ascension sites of care in Wisconsin have been serving patients and their communities since 1848. Ascension employs more than 12,000 associates, serving communities in Southeastern Wisconsin and the Fox Valley region. In FY2024, Ascension provided more than \$250 million in community benefit in Wisconsin. Following in the footsteps of our founders, Ascension Wisconsin was formed in 2016 when sponsorship transitioned from four health systems: Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare, Ministry Health Care, Columbia St. Mary's and Affinity Health System. Visit healthcare.ascension.org/wisconsin.



As a Ministry of the Catholic Church, Ascension All Saints Hospital is a non-profit entity with two hospital campuses. Ascension All Saints Hospital - Spring Street Campus is a full-service hospital with



a 24/7 Emergency Department and a Level III Trauma Center. As a certified Chest Pain Center and Primary Stroke Center, the hospital is capable of delivering the most advanced care in Racine for heart attacks and strokes. Ascension All Saints Hospital - Spring Street Campus also provides comprehensive care at the Women's and Infant Center with a Level III NICU, Maternal Fetal Medicine and specialty care for an array of women's services.

For more information about Ascension All Saints Hospital - Spring Street Campus visit

https://healthcare.ascension.org/locations/wisconsin/wimil/racine-ascension-all-saints-hospital.

Ascension All Saints Hospital - Wisconsin Avenue Campus provides outpatient care including pharmacy and behavioral health. Outpatient behavioral health care includes diagnosis and treatment for a wide range of mental health conditions, addiction, family conflicts and social isolation. For individuals requiring inpatient care, Ascension All Saints Hospital - Wisconsin Avenue Campus also cares for adolescents and adults in its Behavioral Health Inpatient Unit.

For more information about Ascension All Saints Hospital - Wisconsin Avenue Campus, visit https://healthcare.ascension.org/locations/wisconsin/wimil/racine-ascension-all-saints-hospital-wisco nsin-avenue.

Overview of the Implementation Strategy

Needs Prioritization

Included in Code Section 501(r)(3) is the requirement that hospitals must provide a description of the process and criteria used to determine the most significant health needs of the community identified through the CHNA, along with a description of the process and criteria used to determine the prioritized needs to be addressed by the hospital. Accordingly, Ascension All Saints Hospital used a phased prioritization approach to identify the needs of the Racine County community. The first step was to



determine the broader set of identified needs. The CHNA assessment narrowed identified needs to a group of significant needs determined most crucial for community stakeholders to address.

After completing the CHNA assessment, significant needs were further narrowed down to prioritized needs that the hospital will address within the IS. To arrive at the prioritized needs, Ascension All Saints Hospital used a process based upon the AHA Community Health Improvement's (ACHI) key components for prioritizing community health issues to identify the needs on which the hospitals would focus. Following the completion of the community health needs assessment, Ascension All Saints Hospital's leadership and stakeholders considered the following criteria in choosing the significant needs:

- Scope of problem
- Health disparities
- Feasibility
- Momentum/commitment
- Alignment

Needs That Will Be Addressed

Following the completion of the current CHNA, Ascension All Saints Hospital in collaboration with leadership from other Ascension hospitals has selected the prioritized needs outlined below for its 2024 IS. Ascension has defined "prioritized needs" as the significant needs that the hospital has prioritized to address through the three-year CHNA cycle:

- Mental Health was prioritized due to its increasing challenges and strong community demand
 for support. Mental health disorders affect thinking, emotions, relationships, and daily life, and
 are linked to higher rates of smoking, inactivity, obesity, and substance misuse. These issues
 contribute to chronic illness, disability, overdose, and suicide. Given the close link between
 mental health and substance misuse, both will be addressed together in the Community Health
 Needs Assessment (CHNA). Ascension Wisconsin hospitals are dedicated to expanding access
 to mental health and addiction services within their facilities and the broader community.
- Access to Care was identified as a priority due to its vital role in supporting physical, mental, and social health. Community members expressed the need for improved access to various types of medical services. Ascension Wisconsin is committed to enhancing all aspects of care access—including affordability, geographic availability, and trustworthy providers. As a Catholic healthcare system, ensuring care for all individuals, regardless of their ability to pay, is a core mission of Ascension Wisconsin.
- Chronic Conditions were chosen as a priority due to the importance of prevention in building a
 healthier community. Residents highlighted the link between chronic diseases and overall
 wellbeing. Effective treatment and management can improve quality of life, while healthy



lifestyles—supported by access to nutritious food, physical activity, and stress reduction—can lower disease risk and reduce reliance on medication. This priority emphasizes support for communities disproportionately impacted by structural barriers to healthy living.

Ascension All Saints Hospital understands the importance of all the community's health needs. It is committed to playing an active role in improving the health of the people in the communities it serves. For this implementation strategy, Ascension All Saints has focused its efforts on the above priorities.

Needs That Will Not Be Addressed

Based on the prioritization criteria, the health needs identified through the CHNA that Ascension All Saints does not plan to address at this time include:

- Substance Misuse was not selected in this CHNA cycle as a stand alone priority. Ascension All Saints Hospital will focus efforts incorporated under the Mental Health priority as these issues are often interrelated.
- Economic Stability was not selected as a standalone priority, but Ascension All Saints Hospital recognizes its strong connection to chronic conditions and mental health. Factors such as housing, access to healthy foods and opportunities for physical activity impact overall health. These economic influences will be addressed through the hospital's efforts to prevent and improve chronic conditions and mental health support.
- Healthy Living was not selected as a standalone priority; however, Ascension All Saints Hospital understands the interconnection between healthy living and chronic conditions. Ascension All Saints will focus efforts incorporated under Chronic Conditions priority as these issues are often interrelated.
- Community Safety was not selected because Ascension All Saints Hospital understands that community safety is a complex social issue requiring a systems approach led by experts in these respective areas. Ascension All Saints Hospital also understands the relationship between mental health, substance misuse and exposure to community violence, therefore, the hospital will continue to seek future opportunities and develop partnerships to support and promote community safety.

While these needs are not the focus of this Implementation Strategy, Ascension All Saints Hospital may consider investing resources in these areas as appropriate, depending on opportunities to leverage organizational assets in partnership with local communities and organizations. Also, this report only



encompasses a partial inventory of everything Ascension All Saints Hospital does to support health within the community.

To find a list of resources for each need not being addressed, please refer to the Ascension All Saints Hospital's 2024 CHNA: https://healthcare.ascension.org/CHNA.

Written Comments

This IS has been made available to the public and is open for public comment. Questions or comments about this Implementation Strategy can be submitted via the website: https://healthcare.ascension.org/chna.

Approval and Adoption of the IS Ascension All Saints Hospital, Inc. Board of **Directors**

To ensure the Ascension All Saints Hospital's efforts meet the needs of the community and have a lasting and meaningful impact, the TY2024 Implementation Strategy was presented and adopted by the Ascension All Saints Hospital, Inc. Board of Directors on October 29, 2025. Although an authorized body of the hospital must adopt the IS to be compliant with the provisions of the Affordable Care Act, adoption of the IS also demonstrates that the board is aware of the IS, endorses the priorities identified, and supports the action plans that have been developed to address prioritized needs.



Action Plans

The IS below is based on prioritized needs from the hospital's most recent CHNA. These strategies and action plans represent where the hospital will focus its community efforts over the next three years.

STRATEGY #1: Behavioral Health Care and Promotion

Hospital - Ascension All Saints Hospital

Prioritized Health Need #1- Mental Health

Objective

By the end of the three year IS cycle, Ascension All Saints Hospital will have;

- 1. increased the number of individuals receiving needed mental/behavioral health care in Ascension clinical settings and in the community
- 2. increased their outreach efforts by supporting community-based organizations (CBO) which support mental health prevention and promote mental well-being

Baseline for this metric will be established

Strategy

Decrease behavioral health stigma and increase access to mental health and substance misuse clinical care both within the healthcare setting and within the community

Collaborators

- Ascension St. Francis Hospital
- Ascension Employed Clinical Network (AECN) clinics
- Racine County Public Health Department, City of Racine Public Health Department
- Multiple community-based organizations (CBOs)
- United Way of Racine
- Health Care Network (HCN)

- All Ascension Wisconsin Milwaukee Hospitals' behavioral health programs and inpatient care
- AECN clinics behavioral health programs
- Various community-based organizations that provide expertise in stigma reduction and access to care

ACTION STEPS ROLE / OWNER 1. Collaborate with partners to increase access to behavioral 1. Ascension All Saints Hospital health services in the community 2. Ascension All Saints Hospital, 2. Increase capacity and expand innovative and successful Ascension Wisconsin Behavioral Ascension Wisconsin Behavioral health programs and Health Service Line, and Ascension medical care. Wisconsin Milwaukee Hospitals and **AECN clinics** 3. Connect patients that present to the emergency department with substance misuse to peer support services. 3. Ascension All Saints Hospital and Ascension Wisconsin Milwaukee 4. Collaborate with partners to decrease stigma around mental **Hospitals Emergency Departments** and behavioral health 4. Ascension All Saints Hospital and Community Based Organizations

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

A reduction in the burden of mental health conditions and addiction and improved overall well-being of communities



STRATEGY #2: Increase Engagement With Health Care Services

Hospital - Ascension All Saints Hospital

Prioritized Health Need #2 - Access to Care

Objective

By the end of the three year cycle, All Saints will increase the number of individuals who are established and engaged in primary health care and have access to other needed health care services.

Strategy

Increase access to primary care and other health care services and substance misuse clinical care both within the healthcare setting and within the community

Collaborators

- AFCN
- Health Care Network (HCN)
- Racine Community Health Center
- Multiple community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Neighborhood Resources

Resources

- Ascension Wisconsin Community Investment Council
- Ascension Wisconsin Community Services and Community Engagement
- Health Care Network (HCN)
- Various CBOs which focused on connecting community members to health care.

ACTION STEPS ROLE/OWNER 1. Strengthen collaborative partnerships with FQHCs and/or **Ascension Wisconsin Community** Community Clinics and provide specialty care, ancillary Investment Council and AECN clinics services and funding that allows these clinics to increase access to care. 2. Assess social barriers to care for patients and connect to 2. All Saints Hospital Emergency resources, including expectant families Department, All Saints hospital departments and AECN clinics 3. Expand community outreach for Ascension Wisconsin 3. Ascension Wisconsin Community health programs and engagement, including expectant Services, Community Engagement and families **AECN clinics**

ANTICIPATED IMPACT

Improved overall health and well-being of communities through improved health outcomes and quality of life that lead to increased social capital and economic strength.



STRATEGY #3: Health Promotion and Chronic Condition Prevention

Hospital - Ascension All Saints Hospital

Prioritized Health Need #3 - Chronic Conditions

Objective

By the end of the three year cycle, All Saints

- 1. Will have increased its participation and support for community-level access to healthy foods and health promotion education
- Will increase support for those patients who have one or more chronic conditions

Strategy

Promote access to healthy foods to promote health and prevent chronic conditions and actively support those individuals with a chronic condition

Collaborators

- **AECN Clinics**
- Multiple community-based organizations (CBOs)

Resources

- Ascension Wisconsin Community Investment Council
- **Ascension Wisconsin Community Services**
- Various CBOs which focus on reducing stigma and providing community-level education on mental health and addiction.

ACTION STEPS		ROLE/OWNER			
1.	Participate in and support community-level initiatives that promote healthy living and increase access to healthy foods.	1.	Ascension All Saints Hospital, Ascension Wisconsin Community Investment Council, and AECN clinics		
2.	Actively engage communities in healthy living education and chronic condition prevention	2.	Ascension All Saints Hospital, AECN and Ascension Wisconsin Community Services		
3.	Expand successful programming that supports those patients living with a chronic condition(s)	3.	Ascension All Saints Hospital, AECN clinics and Ascension Wisconsin Community Services		
ANTICIPATED IMPACT					

A reduction in the burden of chronic health conditions and improved overall well-being of communities





Evaluation

Ascension All Saints Hospital will develop a comprehensive measurement and evaluation process for the implementation strategy. The Hospital will monitor and evaluate the action plans outlined in this plan for the purpose of reporting and documenting the impact these action plans have on the community. Ascension All Saints Hospital uses a tracking system to capture community benefit activities and implementation. Data will be aggregated into an annual Community Benefit report made available to the community to ensure accountability.