

Ascension Southeast Michigan Community Benefit

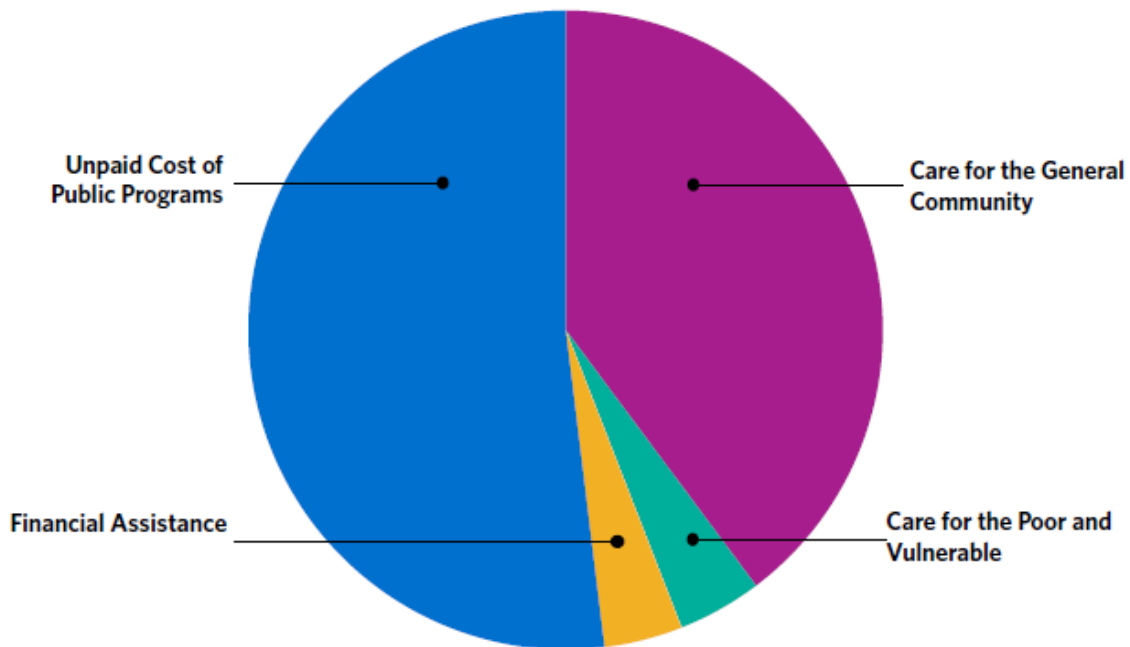
What is Community Benefit?

Community benefit is the basis of the tax-exemption of not-for-profit hospitals. Since 2008, tax-exempt hospitals have been required to report their community benefit and other information related to tax-exemption on the IRS Form 990 Schedule H. Not-for-profit health care organizations demonstrate their commitment to community service through organized and sustainable community benefit programs.

A community benefit must respond to an identified community need and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Improve access to health care services.
- Enhance the health of the community.
- Advance medical or health knowledge.
- Relieve or reduce the burden of government or other community efforts.

In FY 2020, Ascension SE MI hospitals provided **\$156,732,309** of Community Benefit.



Category I - Financial Assistance: \$6,217,168

Free or discounted healthcare services provided to people who cannot afford to pay and who meet the organization's financial assistance policy criteria.

Category II - Unpaid Cost of Public Programs: \$81,449,663

This shortfall is created when a facility receives payments that are less than the cost of caring for the beneficiaries of public programs such as Medicaid.

Category III - Care for the Poor and Vulnerable: \$6,726,220

Programs offered to address the needs of vulnerable individuals through activities such as community improvement, health education, research, donations, and community building.

Category IV - Care for the General Community: \$62,339,258

Programs that are designed to address broader community needs through activities such as community improvement, health education, research, donations, and community building.