

**Summary of Community Benefits Provided To**

**Nueces County Community**

**Quarter Ending December 31, 2020**

**By**

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**Above all else, we are committed to the care and improvement of human life.**

## **I. Background**

The 2011 Texas Legislature directed HHSC to expand Medicaid managed care to achieve savings and to preserve hospital access to funding consistent with upper payment limit (UPL) funding. The best approach to achieve these goals along with delivery system reform and quality improvements was to negotiate a five-year 1115 waiver. In December 2011, Texas received federal approval for the 1115 Healthcare Transformation Waiver (Waiver). The Waiver requires providers and other stakeholders to work collectively and collaboratively to develop and submit a regional plan for health care delivery system reform through the formation of Regional Healthcare Partnerships (RHP's). Corpus Christi Medical Center is an active participant in the RHP 4 planning and has several proposed delivery system reform projects included in the final regional plan.

Integral to the success of the regional plan is the collaboration to support Nueces County Hospital District (District) in its mission to provide healthcare to the poor and needy. Throughout the year, CCMC provides healthcare services to the residents of Nueces (and surrounding) counties, including inpatient and outpatient hospital services at the facility, as well as other healthcare and educational services throughout the community. As part of the collaboration with the District, memorialized in the Nueces County Indigent Care Affiliation Agreement, CCMC agreed to provide the District periodic reports summarizing the services provided in the community.

The following is the thirty-third quarterly report, which provides an overview of the community benefits provided by CCMC during the last quarter.

## **II. Community Benefits**

CCMC provides a significant amount of healthcare services that are delivered directly to members of the community at free or reduced cost. These services benefit the District by sharing the burden and responsibility for caring for the poor and needy. CCMC provides a significant amount of uncompensated care to the residents of Nueces County and surrounding communities. For this reporting period CCMC provided approximately \$37 million in uncompensated care, including the unreimbursed costs of treating Medicaid patients. CCMC continually strives to improve the services provided to the community, as well as access to those services. Listed on the next page are examples of some of the additional services provided by CCMC in their collaboration with the District.

## **III. Additional Services Provided by CCMC**

- ◆ **Emergency Room Services:** CCMC recognizes the need to provide emergency services to all residents of its community, including low-income and needy patients, and provides these services regardless of a patient's ability to pay. Approximately 49% of all visits to CCMC's emergency department are charity, self-pay, or Medicaid patients.

### III. Additional Services Provided by CCMC (continued)

- ◆ **Newborn Services:** CCMC recognizes that the state infant mortality rate exceeds 5% each year and the hospital is focused on reducing this rate. Approximately 59% of all births at CCMC are for charity, self-pay, or Medicaid patients.
- ◆ **Psychiatric Services:** Patients requiring psychiatric services are often one of the most underserved populations in the community, and CCMC strives to ensure that these patients receive appropriate care. CCMC is the largest provider of inpatient psychiatric care in the community with 60 beds and the capability to treat adolescent, adult, and geriatric patients. In addition, CCMC offers several outpatient programs designed to compliment our inpatient services. Approximately 58% of psychiatric services are provided to charity, self-pay, Medicaid, and low income patients.
- ◆ **Trauma Level II Services:** CCMC started pursuit of Level II trauma on 8/1/18 in response to the community's need for these services on the south side of town. Significant capital investment and major operating expenditures have been incurred (and are ongoing) to ensure a successful program with quality patient outcomes. Approximately 29% of the trauma patients are uninsured or low income.
- ◆ **New Equipment/Upgrades:** CCMC continues to renovate and upgrade its facility and equipment. Major projects/purchases include; Surgical equipment upgrades, Cardiovascular service line enhancements, Radiology upgrades, and Trauma Level II Services starting 8/1/18.
- ◆ **Physician Recruitment/Training:** CCMC continues to support its Internal Medicine residency program at levels that significantly exceed the caps funded by the Medicare program. In addition, CCMC is supporting two Fellowship programs in Cardiology and Pulmonary/Critical Care. CCMC is actively recruiting several physicians to the market, including Orthopedics, Cardiology, OB/Gyn, Urology, and FP. CCMC is also providing locum tenens and telemedicine coverage to alleviate the critical Behavioral Health provider shortage and supplement Neurology coverage.
- ◆ **Donations:** CCMC provided support to the following organizations in the fourth quarter of 2020; American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, and United Way,
- ◆ **Education and Outreach:** CCMC participated in various health fairs and speaking engagements, provided free health screenings, and volunteered staff and physicians for local radio and television health and wellness programs. Our programs include; Stroke support group, Weight loss and Bariatric surgery seminars, Behavioral Health seminars, Joint Replacement Classes, Childbirth Education classes, and fall prevention education.

### III. Additional Services Provided by CCMC (continued)

- ◆ **Partnerships and Community Support:** CCMC is active in many community organizations; March of Dimes, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Rotary Club, United Way, CASA, Nueces County Medical Society, Charlie's Place, CCFD, and the Chamber of Commerce. Support includes personal and corporate donations as well as time volunteered by CCMC's employees. CCMC provides space at their Northwest campus free of charge in order for Del Mar College to offer classes in the local community.
  
- ◆ **COVID-19 Response:** CCMC has responded to the current crisis in our community by; 1) increasing bed capacity, 2) continually refining testing strategies to reduce the turnaround time, 3) partnering with our physicians on the appropriate clinical strategies, 4) securing additional nursing and physician resources to aid in the care of our patients, 5) continually refining our procedures/policies to comply with local, state, and federal guidelines, and 6) coordinating with local emergency management personnel on all reporting and response efforts. CCMC has begun vaccinating its employees and physicians in accordance with the federal guidelines. The initial allotment received in December was not enough to vaccinate all our employees and physicians which resulted in CCMC utilizing the federal tiering guidelines to identify those at the highest risk. Through December 31, 2020 CCMC was able to administer 1,119 first doses.