



**CORPUS CHRISTI  
MEDICAL CENTER**

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# **Summary of Community Benefits Provided To**

## **Nueces County Community**

### **Quarter Ending September 30, 2017**

**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 twentieth 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 \$83 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 48% 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 63% 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 over 100 beds and the capability to treat adolescent, adult, and geriatric patients. Approximately 61% of psychiatric services are provided to charity, self-pay, Medicaid, and low income patients.
- ◆ **New Equipment/Upgrades:** CCMC continues to renovate and upgrade its facility and equipment. Major projects/purchases include; Patient Care Monitoring equipment, Surgical equipment upgrades, Facility upgrades, Neurosurgical service line enhancements, and new robotic technology along with advanced Cath Lab capabilities. Remediation from Hurricane Harvey commenced and should be completed before the end of the year.
- ◆ **Physician Recruitment/Training:** CCMC continues to support its Family Practice/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, Behavioral Health, Family Practice, OB/Gyn. CCMC is also providing locum tenens and telemedicine coverage to alleviate the critical Behavioral Health provider shortage.
- ◆ **Donations:** CCMC provided support to the following organizations in the third quarter of 2017; American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, March of Dimes, CCFD, and Coastal Bend Community Foundation.
- ◆ **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. CCMC also provided flu shots to City of Corpus employees.
- ◆ **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, Charlies 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.