



**CORPUS CHRISTI
MEDICAL CENTER**

Summary of Community Benefits Provided To

Nueces County Community

Quarter Ending December 31, 2014

By

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

In recognition of this commitment, we will strive to deliver high quality, cost-effective health care in the communities we serve.

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 ninth 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 \$55 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. Over 60% of all births at CCMC are to 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 child, adolescent, adult, and geriatric patients. Approximately 59% of psychiatric services are provided to charity, self-pay, or Medicaid patients.
- ◆ **New Equipment/Upgrades:** CCMC continues to renovate and upgrade its facility and equipment. Major projects/purchases include; Continued renovations of nursing units, Radiology equipment replacements, Surgical equipment upgrades, Hospital beds, and Facility Plant upgrades.
- ◆ **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. CCMC has successfully recruited several internal medicine hospitalist physicians to the community and is actively engaged in searches for Behavioral Health providers and other specialties that are needed in the community. CCMC is also providing locum tenens coverage to alleviate the critical Behavioral Health provider shortage.
- ◆ **Donations:** CCMC provided support to the following organizations in the fourth quarter of 2014; Palmer Drug Abuse Program, March of Dimes, MHMR, American Heart Association, Boys and Girls Club, ARK, CASA, and Texas Foster Family Association.
- ◆ **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; Wellness seminars for the City of Corpus Christi employees, Stroke support group, Weight loss and Bariatric surgery seminars, Heart month health education and screening, Life Line health screening, Behavioral Health breakfast seminars, Joint Replacement Classes, Childbirth Education classes, and Diabetes screenings.
- ◆ **Partnerships and Community Support:** CCMC is active in many community organizations; March of Dimes, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Rotary Club, United Way, and the Chamber of Commerce. Support includes personal and corporate donations as well as time volunteered by CCMC's employees. CCMC supports an Onsite clinic at the City of Corpus Christi and provides space at their Northwest campus free of charge in order for Del Mar College to offer classes in the local community.