

## **Alameda Medical Center**

### **Oakland, California**

Alameda Medical Center operates a general acute care hospital with 120-150 inpatients daily, an 80-bed psychiatric hospital, a 50-bed rehabilitation facility and a 109-bed skilled nursing facility as well as five free standing community health centers. The Level 1 trauma center, one of only three in the county, serves approximately 2,000 trauma victims annually. Alameda Medical Center provides \$59 million in charity care annually, or which represents about 20 percent of their total costs. Alameda Medical Center is also a cornerstone of the community's public health infrastructure. Alameda's current financial situation is already precarious, with projected deficits in the \$7 to \$8 million range.

Any further loss of funding will lead to more severe cuts to programs and services. Alameda expects to lose \$12 million per year from loss of the 150 percent UPL. Programs not central to hospital's core function as an inpatient provider may need to be reduced or eliminated. Such programs include primary and preventive care services, and total outpatient services with volumes of over 300,000 visits annually which may need to be reduced or eliminated. Alameda Medical Center will be faced with unpalatable choices between eliminating all hospital-based outpatient services, closing all freestanding community clinics, closing its psychiatric hospital or other drastic measures – all choices involving significant job loss and with devastating impact on the health and well-being of Alameda County residents.

The impact at-a-glance:

- Drastic service reductions in primary and preventive care, hospital-based outpatient care, or inpatient psychiatric care
- Loss of access to essential services for low income population
- Significant job loss for County residents

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