

# Community Benefit Activities Data Capture Instructions

## **What is a Community Benefit?**

Community benefits are programs or activities that provide treatment and/or promote health and healing as a response to identified community needs. They are not provided for marketing purposes. A community benefit program must meet **at least one of the following criteria:**

- > Generates a low or negative margin
- > Responds to needs of special populations
- > Supplies services or programs that would likely be discontinued if the decision were made on a purely financial basis
- > Responds to public health/community needs
- > Involves education or research that improves overall community health

## **Community Benefit Activities**

Some of the community benefit activities that should be reported include:

Screenings	Free or discounted prescriptions/supplies
Education programs/classes	
Support groups	Time served on community committees/boards on behalf of your hospital which improve the health or welfare of the community, i.e., United Way, American Cancer Society, Habitat for Humanity, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, etc.
Health fairs	
Immunizations	
Cash & in-kind donations	
Free or reduced fee clinics	

**For a more detailed list of reportable Community Benefit activities, please go to the intranet, click on Munson Medical Center, the Department tab, followed by the Community Health Department where you will find the Community Benefit section. Within the Community Benefit page, you will find the electronic Community Benefit Activities report that you need to complete. This form can be emailed directly or you can fax to 935-9258 or send via interdepartmental mail to Community Health, MCHC suite 103. The form can also be found in the Forms section of the Intranet under **Community Benefit – form 4903.****

Should you have any questions regarding Community Benefit please do not hesitate to contact me via GroupWise or at 59256. Thank you for your participation in tracking Community Benefit Activities. This information is reported annually to the American Hospital Association, Michigan Health & Hospital Association, the IRS, our Hospital boards and our communities.

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