**Hospital Facts to Know**

### Services
- Nearly 34 million patients are admitted to the hospital each year.
- Hospitals treat nearly 134 million patients in their emergency departments and provide care to more than 544 million other outpatients each year.
- Hospitals deliver nearly 4 million babies each year.
- In 2013, hospitals provided care at a cost of more than $46 billion for which no payment was received.

### Contribution to the Economy
- Hospitals employ nearly 5.6 million people.
- Behind restaurants, hospitals are the second largest private sector employer.
- When also accounting for hospital purchases of goods and services from other businesses, hospitals support nearly one of every 9 jobs in the U.S and nearly 2.6 trillion dollars of economic activity.

### Finances
- Nearly a third of hospitals lose money on operations.
- Hospital operating margins were 5.7% in 2013, down from 6.5% in 2012.

### Payment for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Together Medicare and Medicaid represent 58% of care provided by hospitals.
- Medicare payment falls short of the cost of caring for Medicare patients.
  - Medicare pays only 88 cents for each dollar spent caring for Medicare patients.
  - 65% of hospitals are paid less than the costs of services provided to Medicare patients.
  - The Medicare funding shortfall for hospital care approaches $38 billion dollars.
- Medicaid payment falls short of the cost of caring for Medicaid patients.
  - Hospitals receive an average of 90 cents for each dollar spent caring for Medicaid patients.
  - 62% of hospitals are paid less than the costs of services to Medicaid patients.
  - The Medicaid funding shortfall for hospital care exceeds $13 billion dollars.