

AHA Schedule H Collection Project – Round 3

Advocating for Tax-Exempt Hospitals

We Need Your Filed Schedule Hs

Through April 15, 2014, AHA and Ernst & Young (E&Y) will collect **2011 Schedule Hs** that have been filed with the Internal Revenue Service. (Hospitals that have already filed 2012 Schedule Hs also can include those in their submission.)

Schedule H collection is critical to help support AHA advocacy efforts for needed improvements to Schedule H and to oppose any changes to the form or tax exemption that would negatively impact hospitals.

Participants Receive a Customized Benchmark Report

As a benefit to participants, all hospitals that submit their 2011 Schedule H will receive a free customized benchmark report that compares your reported community benefits against three similar hospital types of your choosing (children's, critical access, general medical, teaching or hospital system).

The data also will be compiled into a final report for the field and policymakers about the community benefits being provided by tax exempt hospitals. To see a copy of the latest 2009/2010 Schedule H Report, go to www.aha.org/scheduleh.

No participants' names or identities will be included in any feedback or report.

How You Can Help

- Submit a copy of your 2011 Schedule H form (and 2012, if available). Go to: <https://survey.ey.com/ScheduleHProject>.
- All participants will receive a free customized community benefit benchmark report.
- Please Submit by April 15, 2014

Latest Schedule H Report Findings

Average Percentage of Total Expenses provided by tax-exempt hospitals in 2009/2010:

- **Over 11 percent:** Benefits to the community
- **5.7 percent:** Direct benefits to patients, including free care, financial assistance and spending to fill Medicaid underpayment gaps

See the full report at www.aha.org/scheduleh.

Why Now: Congress is Threatening a Debate on Tax Exemption

Both the House and Senate tax writing committees are taking a critical look at tax exemption. It is essential that policymakers have up-to-date information about the amount and types of community benefits provided by tax-exempt hospitals.

The only way to ensure accurate and comprehensive data is for the hospital field to collect and report that information itself. AHA has worked with E&Y since 2009 to provide policymakers with reliable information on community benefits.

**For more information, visit
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