



**CORPUS CHRISTI  
MEDICAL CENTER**

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# **Summary of Community Benefits Provided To**

## **Nueces County Community**

### **Quarter Ending March 31, 2013**

**By**

**Bay Area Healthcare Group, Ltd. d/b/a Corpus Christi Medical Center**

**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 second 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 \$35 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. Over 27% 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 62% 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 54% 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; Renovation of three nursing units, nurse call system, ICU beds, Surgical equipment upgrades, and telephone system.
- ◆ **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 two new physicians to the community and is actively engaged in numerous other searches to fill the gaps in some of the specialty coverage.
- ◆ **Donations:** CCMC provided support to the following organizations in the first quarter of 2013; American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Palmer Drug Abuse Program, Coastal Bend AIDS Foundation, Chamber of Commerce, and the Texas Foster Family.
- ◆ **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, 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. CCMC's CEO is the chairman for the March of Dimes fundraising events this year and hospital employees have held numerous fundraising activities during the first quarter of 2013.