Oregon hospitals reported $1.7 billion in Community Benefit costs.

Total hospitals community benefit increased by $81 million, or 5% between FY 2019 and 2020, even as the COVID-19 pandemic plays havoc with hospital finances.

This is an overall steady increase of nearly 8 percent per year since FY 2015.

In FY 2020, Hospitals provided over $1.3 billion in care which were not reimbursed. This includes:

- $863 million in unreimbursed Medicaid
- $279 million in Charity Care
- $59 million in Other Public Programs
- $142 million in Subsidized Health Services

Since Medicaid reimburses hospitals for only a portion of their costs, these hospitals’ spending help to insure healthcare coverage for Oregonians.

Hospitals also spent about $371 million on a variety of activities to improve their communities’ health and well-being. This includes:

- $65 million in Community Health Improvement
- $12 million in Community Building Activities
- $11 million in Community Benefit Operations
- $30 million in Cash and In-kind Contributions
- $228 million in Health Professions Education
- $25 million in Research

These activities include community education programs, donations and partnerships on endeavors that address local root causes of health problems like poverty and homelessness, and funding for training of future health care professionals.

Hospitals’ overall community benefit spendings is an increasing proportion of net patient revenue. It has increased, from 11.9% of revenue in 2015 to 13.1% of revenue in 2020.

For further details and comparisons of Oregon hospitals’ community benefit spendings from FY 2015-2020, please visit https://oahhs.org/public-resources/community-benefit-dashboard.html