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CHRISTUS Health Southwestern Louisiana

A Synopsis of Community Benefit in Fiscal Year 2006.

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According to the US Census Bureau, the number of uninsured persons in the United States increased by 1.3 million during fiscal year 2006. This increase brings the total number of uninsured in America to a record 46.6 million people when only five years ago, 38.7 million were uninsured. Of the 1.3 million additional uninsured, 961,000 reported working full-time but unable to afford the high cost of health insurance coverage. The number of children without health insurance rose from 7.9 million to 8.3 million during this same time period.

Of this 46.6 million, many are categorized as middle-class. Among households earning \$50,000 per year or more, 17 million people had no insurance during fiscal year 2006; this represents an increase of more than 1.5 million during fiscal year 2005.

Texas and Louisiana contribute to this crisis as these two states continue to lead the nation in percent uninsured with Texas ranking first and Louisiana ranking third. While only 15 percent of the total US population is uninsured, Texas and Louisiana report 25 percent and 20 percent, respectively.



Even while these statistics seem daunting, CHRISTUS Health Southwestern Louisiana is committed to meeting the needs of the uninsured through the support of innovative programs. As a leading Catholic healthcare system, CHRISTUS Health Southwestern Louisiana supports community-based programs providing Community Benefit in the Southwestern Louisiana region.

Charity Care is defined as the unpaid cost of medical services provided to low-income uninsured and underinsured. During fiscal year 2006, CHRISTUS Health Southwestern Louisiana provided more than \$8 million in Charity Care, an increase of 26.8 percent from fiscal year 2005.

Of this amount, **Unpaid Government Indigent Care**, predominately Medicaid, is more than \$4 million of unpaid costs for FY2006, an increase of 18.4 percent from the prior year.

CHRISTUS Health Southwestern Louisiana also contributed more than \$1 million in **Community Services** to the communities served in FY2006.

Thus, CHRISTUS Health Southwestern Louisiana provided more than \$10 million in total community benefits, which is 9.0 percent of Net Patient Revenue in fiscal year 2006. This equates to \$28,000 a day in community benefits.

In addition, cost of **Unpaid Government Sponsored Programs**, mostly Medicare, for CHRISTUS Southwestern Louisiana was more than \$15 million or 13.7 percent of CHRISTUS' Net Patient Revenue. In accordance with CHA Guidelines, CHRISTUS Health does not include this amount in reports of community benefit, however, this amount is provided to other agencies.

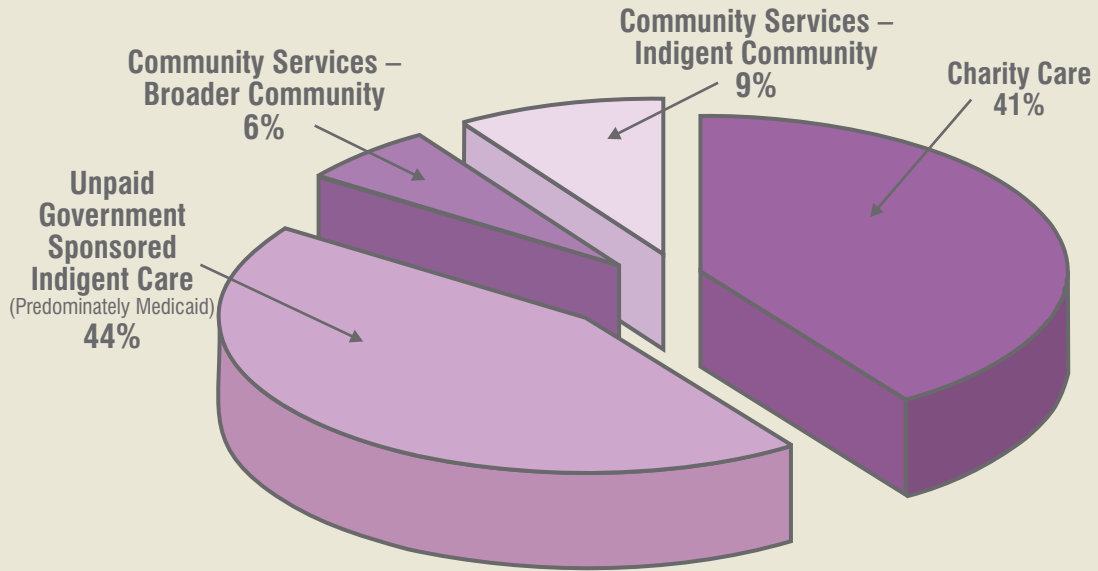


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FY2006 CHARITY CARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES



CHRISTUS HEALTH SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA COMMUNITY BENEFIT FY2005 vs FY2006

	YEAR ENDED 06/30/05		YEAR ENDED 6/30/06	
	UNPAID COSTS \$	AS A % OF NPR*	UNPAID COSTS \$	AS A % OF NPR*
CHARITY CARE				
Charity Care	3,058,056	2.8	4,203,087	3.7
Unpaid Government Indigent Care (predominately Medicaid)	3,849,977	3.5	4,558,957	4.1
Charity Care Subtotal	6,908,033	6.3	8,762,044	7.8
COMMUNITY SERVICES				
	1,505,444	1.4	1,567,636	1.4
Total Community Benefit As Per CHA Guidelines	8,413,477	7.5	10,329,680	9.0
UNPAID GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS (predominately Medicare)	12,750,212	11.5	15,420,426	13.7
Total Community Benefit Plus Unpaid Medicare Costs Per State Of Texas Rules	21,163,689	19.0	25,750,106	22.7
NET PATIENT REVENUE (NPR)*	110,893,572		112,432,830	

*Includes Hospitals' Net Patient Revenues, Medical Group Net Patient Revenue, and Capitation Revenue.