



# Delaware Healthcare Update

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## DE Hospitals Contribute Millions of Dollars to our Communities

Today, we are pleased to share with you the latest [Community Benefit Report](#), detailing the \$715 million in community benefit spending Delaware hospitals and health systems contributed to our State in 2018 alone. Take a look at the [report](#), and read more details below.



COVID-19 hospitalizations have remained relatively low in recent weeks, yet we still find that some Delawareans are putting off taking care of their health care needs -- even critical emergency care. That's why we teamed up with Delaware Department of Health and Social Services Cabinet Secretary Dr. Kara Odom Walker on a [public service announcement](#) urging Delawareans not to delay care. We need your help to help spread the message that Delaware hospitals and medical practices are open, safe and ready to address all health care needs.

Please continue stay safe and healthy.

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## 2020 Community Benefit Report



### Delaware Hospitals Deliver \$715 Million in Community Benefits to our State

Today, DHA released its [2020 Community Benefits Report: Delaware Hospitals, Leaders in Our Communities](#), a biennial report of the public health and economic benefits Delaware hospitals and health systems provide to the State. The report finds that Delaware hospitals and health systems delivered \$715 million in community benefit spending to our communities in Fiscal Year 2018. This includes: \$543 million in unpaid costs of patient care, such as charity care (\$52.8 million), bad debt (\$53 million) and unpaid cost from Medicare, Medicaid, and Tricare (\$437.3 million); and, \$171.8 million in community benefit services and programs that aim to advance health or address unmet needs in our communities. A sampling of community benefit programs funded by each health system can also be found in the report.

Finally, the report highlights the economic impact of Delaware's hospitals and health systems on the State. Delaware hospitals spend over \$3.2 billion on goods and services from other businesses that create additional economic value for the community. With these "ripple effects" included, each hospital job supports about two additional jobs and every dollar spent by a hospital supports almost \$2.00 of additional business activity. The effect of hospital expenditures on total state economic output is over \$6 billion.

[Click here to read the full report.](#)

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## PSA: Don't Delay Care!



### Delaware Hospitals are Open, Safe and Ready

Delaware Department of Health & Social Services Secretary Dr. Kara Odom Walker recently teamed up with DHA for a public service announcement (PSA) urging Delawareans not to delay seeking medical care. In the video, Dr. Walker tells viewers that the one thing that should not change during the COVID-19 pandemic is addressing your health care needs.

She shares that delaying treatment -- particularly for heart attacks, strokes, and other emergencies -- can put you at risk and adds that Delaware hospitals and medical practices are open, safe and ready to care for you.

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