



“As our communities face continuing disparities in healthcare access, the Community Benefits program fills a gap in community health by encouraging our hospitals and HMOs to use their resources to creatively tackle pressing public health issues across the commonwealth. I am encouraged to see Massachusetts hospitals and HMOs developing programs to help our residents access services that improve their social determinants of health.”

Attorney General  
**Andrea Joy Campbell**



## COMMUNITY: Investing Close to Home

Hospitals anchor communities. They are always there, always open, always accessible, and they provide an irreplaceable measure of stability to people as they go about their lives. As they grow and prosper, so does their influence. If they close or are forced to cut service lines, regional economies, workers, and patients all suffer.

In FY2023, Massachusetts hospitals devoted approximately \$4.2 billion to subsidized care for low-income patients and to fund programs within their communities that improved health outcomes. These programs address specific health concerns and disparities identified in collaboration with trusted local partners such as faith-based organizations, schools, first responders, and advocacy groups. Hospitals invest in free outreach to students and seniors, those with substance use disorder, and many others.

# COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Hospitals and health systems are the largest charitable and philanthropic anchor for their communities:

**\$4.2 BILLION**

each year to help fund care for low-income patients and community investments that support everyday health needs

**\$586 ANNUALLY  
FOR EVERY  
RESIDENT**

between subsidized care for low-income patients and health programs in places where people live, work, and play

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for care access

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for healthy lives, including health outcomes and healthy behaviors