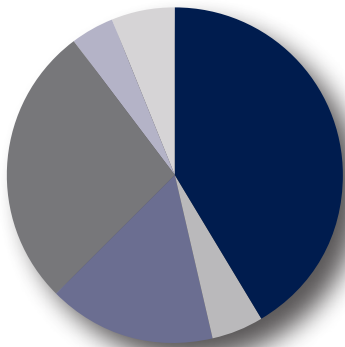


# Hospitals Invest Substantially in their Communities

All Colorado hospitals support their communities in a multitude of ways. Non-profit hospitals are exempt from most federal, state, and local taxes to recognize the community benefits they provide. Tax-paying hospitals also invest significantly in their communities, but non-profit hospitals must adhere to specific federal and state requirements governing community benefit spending and transparency.

## What You Need to Know:

In 2021, hospitals in Colorado invested more than \$1.9 billion in their communities including:



- **\$812 million** in uncompensated services for Medicaid patients
- **\$94 million** in uncompensated services for Colorado Indigent Care Program patients
- **\$326 million** in free or reduced-cost health care services
- **\$533 million** in programs addressing health behaviors or risks
- **\$76 million** in programs addressing social determinants of health
- **\$117 million** in other investments that address community-identified needs

In 2021, according to the Colorado Healthcare Affordability and Sustainability Enterprise annual report, Colorado hospitals provided:

**\$2 billion**

in subsidy and support for Medicare patients *(a 52 percent increase over the previous five years)*

52%



**668k Coloradans**

Support for the expansion of Medicaid coverage for an additional 668,000 Coloradans *(a 59 percent increase from 2019)* through the provider fee program

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## Colorado hospitals invest substantially in their communities.

Future policy discussions on how hospitals partner with their communities must:

1. Ensure funding decisions rest with hospital leadership and their respective governing bodies.
2. Allow priorities to be set by local communities rather than state regulators.
3. Include hospitals' broad set of investments in access to care and other health improvements in state assessments of community benefit adequacy.

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