

Fiscal Year 2017 (July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017)

Mercy Washington Community Benefit Report

Missouri's Opioid Crisis

Mercy Hospital Washington is committed to addressing the area's substance abuse crisis over the next three years as stated in their recent Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). That is why Mercy was pleased to participate in "The Big Splash" program, a partnership between NCADA and Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals.

Through this partnership, thousands of Deterra Drug Deactivation System bags were given to Mercy and other area agencies for distribution. Patients place their unwanted medications, especially non-heroin opioids, such as Vicodin, OxyContin and Percocet, in the bag, add the recommended amount of water, and the drug becomes deactivated.

"The 'Big Splash' program allows patients to easily and safely dispose of their unused medications, plus it eliminates the opportunity for others to misuse the drugs," said Sharon Neumeister, regional director of community health and access. This method is also more eco-friendly.



Distribution of Deterra Deactivation Bags throughout Mercy:

MHSL	8,000
MHJ	4,000
MHJ Hospice	4,000
MHW	4,000
MHL	360
TOTAL BAGS	20,360

Total Community Benefit
\$6,789,032

Charity Care

Includes the actual cost of providing free or discounted care to persons who cannot afford to pay and who are not eligible for public programs. Charity care does not include bad debt.

Benefit: \$5,350,459

Community Outreach Services

Includes activities carried out to improve community health and services that are subsidized because they are needed in the community. Examples: education, support groups, health screenings, and immunizations.

Benefit: \$180,074

Health Professionals

Education and Research

Includes the cost of providing clinical placement for physicians, nurses and other health professionals plus the costs of the nursing anesthesia, EMS and radiology schools.

Benefit: \$163,557

Cash, In-Kind Donations, Workforce Enhancement and Fundraising

Includes cash, in-kind donations, fundraising costs, food & supplies to shelters, use of Mercy rooms and facilities, donated office space and recruitment of health professionals in medically underserved areas.

Benefit: \$159,437

Medicaid Subsidies

Includes the actual unpaid cost of providing care to Medicaid patients and represents the shortfall between cost of care and the payments received by the government.

Benefit: \$935,505



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