

VALUE OF THE 340B PROGRAM- CHI Health Mercy Council Bluffs Council Bluffs, Iowa

THE HOSPITAL:

CHI Health Mercy Council Bluffs is a licensed 278 Bed DSH community hospital located in Council Bluffs, IA. CHI Health Mercy Council Bluffs stretch scarce health care dollars and deliver high quality health care service to vulnerable patient populations, including low-income, uninsured and homeless patients. We have had \$565,187 in net savings on the 340B medications during the time period of July, 1st 2018 through April 30th, 2019. During that same time period we have provided \$6,978,000 in uncompensated care. In addition to provided uncompensated care we have incurred \$8,171,000 in bad debt.

THE BENEFITS OF THE 340B PROGRAM:

CHI Health Mercy Council Bluffs provides comprehensive medical services to all patients, including full spectrum of inpatient services including Oncology, Acute Behavioral Care, Neurology, Orthopedic, Pulmonary, Nephrology, OB/GYN, GI, and Urology Services. We also provide outpatient services such as Emergency Medicine, Diagnostic Services, infusion services, hospice and palliative care. The program's savings allows our hospital to address identified needs in our community. CHI Health Mercy Council Bluffs maintains vital community services such as access to 24/7 emergency and trauma services.

Please see other examples on how the program benefits our community:

- Fund other medical services, such as obstetrics, diabetes education, oncology services and other ambulatory services;
- Establish additional outpatient clinics to improve access;
- Create new community outreach programs;
- Provide preventive care and mental and behavioral health services;
- Provide access to specialty care, such as oncology care, not otherwise available to many low-income individuals in the community

IMPACT IF THE PROGRAM WAS SCALED BACK:

Our services would be scaled back. We would have difficulty in our hope to expand access to care. Our mission to serve those in need and the delivery of safe, cost-effective care would be diminished.