

## **VALUE OF THE 340B PROGRAM- CHI Health St. Mary's Nebraska City, Nebraska**

### **THE HOSPITAL:**

CHI Health St. Mary's is an 18 Bed community hospital located in Nebraska City, NE. CHI Health St. Mary's 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 \$185K in net savings on the 340B medications for time period of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Uncompensated care for the same time period has been \$847,000. Additionally, bad debt incurred in the same time period totaled \$1,119,000. A new hospital was built in 2014 with needed updates in the care areas and to allow for expanding care provided for by specialists. This has allowed us to continue to provide compassionate and excellent care in our community which keeps our patients from incurring a 25 to 50 mile drive to receive care. Additionally, the construction of the new facility has had significant impact on non-patient care operations of the hospital. Over the past 2 years, we have received one of the most prestigious awards for our facility called the "Energy Star Award". CHI St. Mary's is only the second hospital in the state of Nebraska to receive this award. Our hospital has been recognized for our dedicated work and collaboration with patient, clinicians and partners to reduce patient harm by the Nebraska Hospital Association together with the American Hospital Association's Health Research & Educational Trust. CHI Health St. Mary's has had team members receive the "Best of the Best Otoe County Awards", the 2018 March of Dimes Nurse of the Year Award, the CHI Health Patient Satisfaction Award. Additionally, two of our nurses received the Daisy Award.

### **THE BENEFITS OF THE 340B PROGRAM:**

CHI Health St. Mary's provides comprehensive medical services to all patients, including full spectrum of inpatient services including acute care, physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and acute Rehabilitative Services such as skilled care. We also provide outpatient services such as Emergency Medicine, infusion services, specialty outpatient services, and outpatient surgeries. The program's savings allows our hospital to address identified needs in our community. CHI Health St. Mary's maintains vital community services such as access to 24/7 emergency care, and specialized providers will come to Nebraska City certain days of the month to provide services.

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

- Fund other medical services, such as diabetes education, oncology services and other ambulatory services;
- Establish additional outpatient clinics to improve access;
- Labor and delivery;
- 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 limited. We would be unable to expand access to care. Our mission to serve those in need and the delivery of safe, cost-effective care would be diminished or become non-existent due to closure.