

## **VALUE OF THE 340B PROGRAM- CHI Health Mercy Corning Corning, Iowa**

### **THE HOSPITAL:**

CHI Health Mercy Corning is a 25 Bed community hospital located in Corning, IA. CHI Health Mercy Corning stretch scarce health care dollars and deliver high quality health care service to vulnerable patient populations, including low-income, uninsured and homeless patients. Our uncompensated care since July 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019 has been \$272,000. We have had \$190K in net savings on the 340B medications and our bad debt totaled \$411,000. Our professional and caring staff is dedicated to ensuring patients have compassionate and excellent care. CHI Health Mercy Corning was a recipient in 2019 of iVantage award of “Top 100 Critical Access Hospital” and have received this award over the past 6 years. Additionally, this year we have received the safety award from National Safety Council of Nebraska. We have been recipients of this award for the past 9 years. CHI Health Mercy Corning provides service to a large territory covering 2 counties Adams and Taylor. If a patient needs a higher level of care than CHI Health Mercy Corning can provide, our network of referral relationships allows us to transfer patients, quickly and efficiently, as needed. Our physicians are able to consult with specialists near and far using TeleHealth, a videoconferencing service. CHI Health Mercy Corning has 3 Rural Health Clinics and provides extended hours for our community.

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

CHI Health Mercy Corning 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 Mercy Corning maintains vital community services such as access to 24/7 emergency and specialized providers will come to Corning 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;
- TeleHealth Services;
- 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.