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Community Benefit Requirement

Indiana requires nonprofit hospitals to provide community benefits.

Indiana law requires nonprofit hospitals to develop a community benefit plan that sets out goals and objectives for providing community benefits that include charity care and government-sponsored indigent health care. [Ind. Code §16-21-9-4.](#)

Minimum Community Benefit Requirement

Indiana does not require nonprofit hospitals to provide a specified minimum level of community benefits.

Community Benefit Reporting Requirement

Indiana requires nonprofit hospitals to file an annual report of their community benefit plans with the Indiana Department of Health.

A nonprofit hospital's annual report to the Indiana Department of Health must include a copy of the hospital's community benefit plan and the hospital's mission statement. It must disclose the community health needs considered in developing the hospital's community benefit plan and the amount and types of community benefits provided, including charity care. [Ind. Code §16-21-9-7.](#)

Community Health Needs Assessment

Indiana requires nonprofit hospitals to perform community health needs assessments.

In developing its community benefit plan, a nonprofit hospital must consider its community's health care needs, as determined by a community-wide needs assessment. [Ind. Code §16-21-9-5.](#)

Community Benefit Plan/Implementation Strategy

Indiana requires nonprofit hospitals to develop a community benefit plan/implementation strategy.

A nonprofit hospital must develop a community benefit plan that sets out goals and objectives for providing community benefits, including charity care and government-sponsored indigent health care, and identifies the populations and communities the hospital serves. [Ind. Code §16-21-9-4.](#) The plan must also include a budget, measurable objectives with a specified time frame, an evaluation mechanism for



assessing the plan's effectiveness, and a method for soliciting input from the community the hospital serves. [Ind. Code §16-21-9-6](#).

Financial Assistance Policy

Indiana hospitals set their own eligibility guidelines for charity care and financial assistance.

Indiana requires nonprofit hospitals that operate charity care programs to develop written notices about such programs and how to apply for them. [Ind. Code §16-21-9-7\(d\)](#).

Financial Assistance Policy Dissemination

Indiana requires nonprofit hospitals that operate charity care programs to conspicuously post written notice of any charity care program they offer and how to apply.

The notice must be conspicuously posted in the hospital's general and emergency room waiting areas, in the business office, and in other areas the hospital considers appropriate. [Ind. Code §16-21-9-7\(d\)](#).

Limitations on Charges, Billing, and Collections

Indiana law does not expressly limit nonprofit hospital charges, billing, or collection practices.

However, persons eligible for services under the state's Hospital Care for the Indigent Program are not obligated to pay for covered services provided under the program and identified in a claim filed by the provider. [Ind. Code §12-16-7.5-1.2](#).

Income Tax Exemption

Indiana law exempts non-profit hospitals from state income tax.

Indiana law exempts from state income tax the income of any organization that is exempt under Internal Revenue Code §501(a). [Ind. Code §6-3-2-2.8\(1\)](#).

Property Tax Exemption

Indiana law exempts nonprofit hospitals from state property tax.

Indiana exempts from taxation the buildings, land, and personal property of a nonprofit hospital when owned, occupied, and used for charitable purposes. [Ind. Code §6-1.1-10-16](#).



Sales Tax Exemption

Indiana law exempts nonprofit hospitals from state sales taxes.

Indiana law exempts from taxation sales made to nonprofit corporations if the property or service is primarily used to carry on—or to raise money to carry on—its nonprofit purpose. [Ind. Code §6-2.5-5-25](#); [Indiana Department of Revenue, Information Bulletin #10, Sales Tax, April 2012](#).

