Intermountain Health

# Platte Valley Hospital

## Community Benefit Annual Report

As part of our commitment to Adams and Weld counties and Colorado, Platte Valley Hospital addresses the most critical needs of the communities we serve with a mission of helping people live the healthiest lives possible. We were founded to address health needs, and through a comprehensive assessment and strong local collaborators, we strive to continue that work today.

## We Are Better Together

Platte Valley Hospital is collaborating with Benefits in Action to increase access to care, which was identified during the Community Health Needs Assessment as one of the most pressing local issues. Intermountain Health provided funding for navigation specialists who offer support for enrollment in healthcare insurance and public benefits, and connection to providers. Navigators host health literacy seminars with trusted local partners and have the capability of serving residents in English and Spanish ensuring language is not a barrier to accessing care.

The program recently assisted a family after a parent lost her job and health insurance. Needing to care for a diabetic child, the family feared they would not be able to cover the costs of critical medication and diet. Benefits in Action guided them through applications for Medicaid, food and housing benefits, and connected them with a provider. Once the parent secured new employment, navigators helped her find insurance available through the marketplace. As a result, this family was able to bridge their access to care during a time of crisis. Intermountain's work with Benefits in Action across Front Range communities exemplifies our value, "We are better together."

## 2025-2027 Significant Health Needs

Every three years Platte Valley Hospital works with public health stakeholders, community members, and other healthcare providers to understand and assess the most important local health needs.

**Based on the most recent assessment, the hospital identified the following significant health needs that are the focus of the Implementation Strategy and community benefit programs:**

- **Improve Behavioral Health**
- **Achieve Greater Economic Stability**
- **Increase Access to Care**
- **Improve Child and Family Well-Being**

## Community Collaborators - 2024 by the Numbers

**18** organizations participated in the Community Health Needs Assessment.

**625** individuals provided input on the community's health needs.

**23** organizations collaborated on strategies to address community health needs.

## What is Community Benefit?

**The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has federal requirements for not-for-profit hospitals to report their investments in Community Benefit activities, which provide treatment and/or promote health and healing as a response to community needs:**

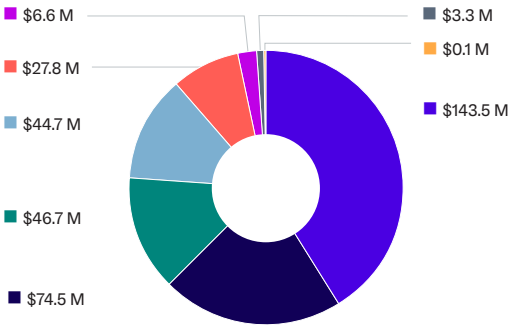
- Improve access to care
- Enhance the health of a community
- Advance medical or health knowledge
- Reduce the burden of health care on local, state, federal government, or other community efforts

**When reporting to the IRS, Community Benefit investments are organized into the following general categories:**

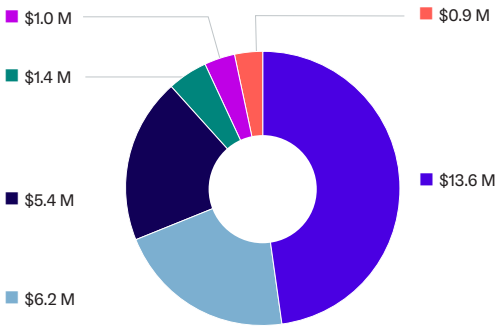
- Unreimbursed costs for care provided to Medicaid beneficiaries.
- Charity care and financial assistance for patients who are unable to pay for care.
- Cash and in-kind contributions to support identified community health needs.
- Health professions education, including clinical training for nursing, pharmacy, and other health professions.
- Subsidized health services, which are services provided at a loss but without which the community's access to care would suffer.
- Means-tested government programs, which includes the unreimbursed care under means-tested programs like the Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+).
- Community building activities, including participating in community coalitions to advance health and physician recruitment to maintain health care access.
- Research, including studies or investigations that increase knowledge made available to the public. (Note: No Research investments were reported in 2024.)

## 2024 Community Benefit Investments

### Intermountain Health Colorado: $347.2 Million




### Platte Valley Hospital: $28.5 Million




- Unreimbursed Medicaid
- Subsidized Health Services
- Health Professions Education
- Financial Assistance at Cost
- Cash and In-Kind Contributions
- Community Health Improvement Services and Community Benefit Operations
- Cost of Other Means-Tested Government Programs
- Community Building Activities

Statewide totals include clinic contributions not reported on hospital Form 990 Schedule H.

## Addressing Health Needs - 2024 by the Numbers

**2,700**

gunlocks distributed in Colorado, including **325** in the hospital's service area to support suicide and injury prevention.

**1,005**

individuals enrolled in health care coverage and public benefit programs through a collaboration with Benefits in Action.

**3,220**

observation hours logged at the hospital by local secondary students earning school credit through Work-Based Learning Programs.

**48**

community members completed Mental Health First Aid training at Platte Valley with improved understanding on how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of substance misuse and mental illness.