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About Cedars-Sinai

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is a nonprofit, academic health care organization with 919 licensed beds serving the diverse Los Angeles community and beyond. With pioneering medical research achievements, education programs defining the future of health care, and wide-ranging Community Benefit activities, Cedars-Sinai is setting new standards for quality and innovation in patient care. Since 2022, Cedars-Sinai has added 26 new licensed beds as part of the new Cedars-Sinai Guerin Children's Center.

Cedars-Sinai serves the community through more than 2 million patient visits each year, with 2,900+ physicians on medical staff, and more than 17,000 full-time employees. The most recent data available indicates more than 51,000 annual admissions, 131,901 emergency visits and more than 6,000 babies born.

Cedars-Sinai is an integrated health care delivery system with clinical programs that range from primary care for preventing, diagnosing, and treating common conditions to specialized treatments for rare, complex and advanced illnesses. The system includes Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Cedars-Sinai Marina Hospital and a network of physicians and ambulatory services throughout Southern California, and affiliates Torrance Memorial Medical Center, Huntington Health and Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center.

Mission

As a leading academic healthcare organization, our mission is to elevate the health status of the communities we serve.

- We deliver exceptional healthcare enhanced by research and education
- We prioritize high-quality care for all with equity and compassion
- We transform biomedical discoveries and innovations for better health
- We educate tomorrow's physicians, nurses, researchers, and healthcare professionals

Our mission is founded in the Judaic tradition, which inspires our devotion to the art and science of healing.

Cedars-Sinai initiates, coordinates, implements, develops, sponsors, and supports strategies, programs and activities that help improve health for community residents. Cedars-Sinai works closely with schools, local government, senior centers, health and human service programs, and other agencies to better understand community needs, and to expand the capacity of local organizations to serve the most vulnerable. These joint efforts maximize long-term health impacts on Angelenos.

Awards

The measure of our success is reflected in patient satisfaction scores, increasing clinical performance initiatives, excellent medical outcomes, ongoing research and academic programs, and national designations and awards, for example:

- Honor Roll for the 11th consecutive year in *the U.S. News & World Report*'s "Best Hospitals 2026-27" rankings, based on a variety of measures, including patient outcomes, patient experiences, technology and reputation. Cedars-Sinai ranks nationally in these specialties:

  Ten Cedars-Sinai specialties made the list of top clinical programs in the U.S. Three of the specialties were ranked in the top five: Cardiology, Heart & Vascular Surgery; Gastroenterology & GI Surgery; and Orthopedics.

  Other top-ranked specialties in the U.S. included Cancer; Diabetes & Endocrinology; Geriatrics; Neurology & Neurosurgery; Obstetrics & Gynecology; Pulmonology & Lung Surgery; and Urology.

- CSMC earned a 5-star CMS quality rating for the ninth consecutive year, reflecting sustained commitment to safe, timely and effective patient care.

- Cedars-Sinai received a seventh consecutive Magnet® designation for nursing excellence from the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), making it the hospital with the longest-running Magnet designation in California.

- Cedars-Sinai has again been designated as a "Best Place to Work for Disability Inclusion" and as a "Healthcare Equality Index Leader," reflecting the organization's ongoing commitment to fostering an inclusive environment for employees, patients and the communities it serves. The "Best Place to Work for Disability Inclusion" designation from the 2026 Disability Index recognizes organizations for workplace policies and practices that support disability inclusion, while the "Healthcare Equality Index" label from the Human Rights Campaign Foundation recognizes healthcare organizations that demonstrate a commitment to equitable, inclusive care for LGBTQIA+ patients, visitors and employees.

Governance

The Cedars-Sinai Board of Directors guides the direction of Community Benefit, with assistance from its Community Benefit Committee.

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The Community Benefit Committee (CBC) is an advisory committee for the hospital's Community Benefit programs. The CBC reviews and validates legal and regulatory compliance specific to Community Benefit mandates; assures Community Benefit programs and services are effectively meeting identified community health needs, with emphasis on populations with unmet health needs, and increases transparency and awareness of Community Benefit activities.

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Caring for the Community

This report demonstrates tangible ways in which Cedars-Sinai is fulfilling its mission. Cedars-Sinai partners with schools, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), community centers and community service providers to elevate the health of the community. Cedars-Sinai addresses health disparities by providing millions of dollars in critically needed grants to safety-net health care services and nonprofits that empower and strengthen communities. Grantmaking addresses health needs by focusing on access to care, social drivers of health and civic engagement. Outreach initiatives are as diverse as the communities we serve ranging from health education and evidence-based programs to comprehensive provision of resources and direct services to address social drivers of health, including health insurance, food and housing insecurity, homelessness, social isolation, mental health challenges and more.

Community Benefit Service Area

Cedars-Sinai's Address: 8700 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, California 90048

The hospital's Community Benefit Service Area (CBSA) encompasses large portions of Service Planning Areas (SPAs) 4-Metro, 5-West and 6-South, and a smaller portion of 8-South Bay in Los Angeles County. The CBSA includes 52 ZIP Codes representing 25 cities and neighborhoods. To determine the Community Benefit Service Area, Cedars-Sinai takes into account the ZIP Codes of patients discharged from the hospital, the current understanding of community need based on the most recent Community Health Needs Assessment, and long-standing community programs and partnerships.

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Community Benefit Service Area

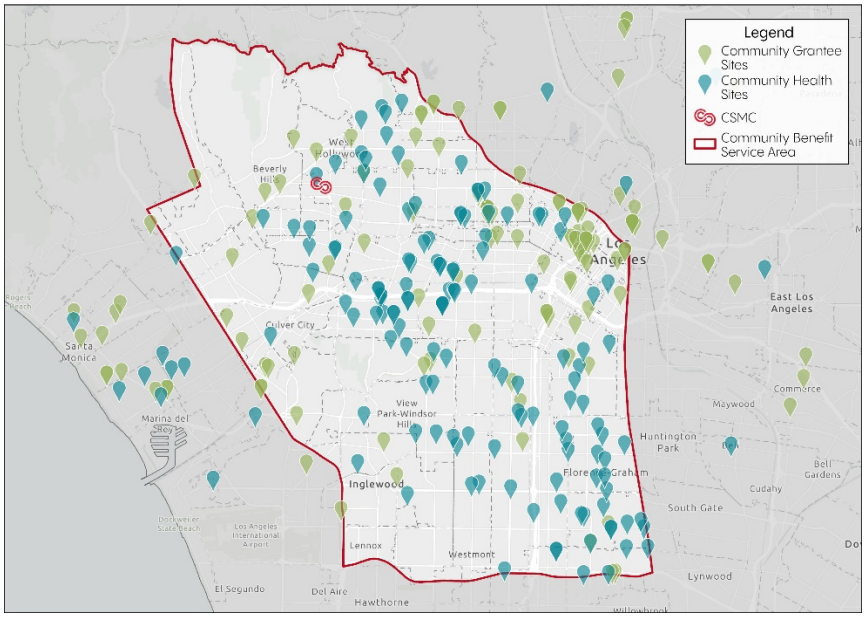
Service Planning Area 4 – Metro
Central LA, Downtown LA, Fairfax/Mid-City, Hollywood, West Hollywood, Wilshire, Wilshire/Koreatown:
90004, 90005, 90006, 90010, 90013, 90014, 90015, 90017, 90019, 90020, 90021, 90028, 90036, 90038, 90046, 90048, 90057, 90069 90071, 90079

Service Planning Area 5 – West
Beverly Hills, Century City, Culver City, Ladera Heights, West LA/Palms, West LA/ Rancho, Westwood:
90024, 90025, 90034, 90035, 90056, 90064, 90067, 90210, 90211, 90212, 90230, 90232

Service Planning Area 6 – South
Baldwin Hills, Crenshaw, Hyde Park, LA/Coliseum & MLK Blvd, LA/MLK Blvd. & Hobart, South LA, University, USC:
90001, 90002, 90003, 90007, 90008, 90011, 90016, 90018, 90037, 90043, 90044, 90047, 90059, 90062, 90089

Service Planning Area 8 – South Bay
Inglewood, Lennox:
90301, 90302, 90303, 90304, 90305

FY26 Community Benefit Sites



Community Benefit Service Area Snapshot

Population Characteristics	CSMC
Total Population of the Community Benefit Service Area	1,789,635
Gender	**Percent**
Female	50.4%
Male	49.6%
Race/Ethnicity	**Percent**
Hispanic/Latino	49.1%
White	19.5%
Black/African American	16.4%
Asian	10.6%
Multiracial, non-Hispanic	3.4%
Some other race, non-Hispanic	0.7%
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0.1%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%
Age	**Percent**
Less than 18 years	19.8%
18 - 64	67.7%
65+	12.5%
Socioeconomic Status	**Percent**
Residents living below 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL)	19.9%
Residents living below 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL)	41.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2019-2023, DP05. https://data.census.gov/

Community Health Needs Assessment 2025-2028

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center completed a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) in 2025 as required by state and federal law governing tax-exempt hospitals. Cedars-Sinai participated in a collaborative process for the CHNA in partnership with Cedars-Sinai Marina Hospital, Providence Saint John's Health Center, Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and UCLA Medical Center Santa Monica and Resnick Neuropsychiatric Hospital at UCLA. These partners share an overlapping service area, therefore a collaborative effort increased data collection efficiency and decreased community partner burden.

The CHNA is a primary tool used to determine the Community Benefit Plan, which outlines how Cedars-Sinai will address unmet community health needs through health care services and programs. The CHNA incorporated components of primary data collection and secondary data analysis that focused on the health and social needs of the Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Community Benefit Service Area.

The CHNA examined up-to-date data sources to include community demographics, social drivers of health, health care access, birth characteristics, leading causes of death, acute and chronic disease, health behaviors, mental health, substance use and misuse and preventive practices. When applicable, these data sets were presented in the context of California and compared to Healthy People 2030 objectives.

Cedars-Sinai conducted targeted interviews with individuals who represent the broad interests of the community served by the hospital. Leaders and/or representatives of medically underserved, low-income, and BIPOC populations, local health or other departments or agencies that have current data or other information relevant to the health needs of the community were represented in the sample. Input was obtained from representatives of Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

The CHNA and Implementation Strategy can be accessed at https://www.cedars-sinai.org/community/community-benefit.html.

We welcome feedback on the CHNA and Implementation Strategy. Please send your feedback to: groupcommunitybenefit@cshs.org.

Community Benefit Activities to Address Priority Health Needs

Community Benefit promotes health and healing and is focused on addressing the identified health needs in the community. For a program or service to be considered a Community Benefit it must improve access to health care, enhance the health of the community, advance medical or healthcare knowledge, or reduce the burden of government or other nonprofit community efforts.

In FY25, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center engaged in activities and programs that addressed the Health Focus Areas prioritized from the identified health needs in the previous CHNA (2022-2025). The program highlights included in this section reference Cedars-Sinai's 2022-2025 Implementation Strategy commitments.

In the 2022-2025 Implementation Strategy, Cedars-Sinai committed to Community Benefit efforts that address:

1. Increasing Access to Health Care and Community Services
2. Optimizing Health and Preventing Disease
3. Addressing Housing Insecurity and Homelessness

Increasing Access to Health Care and Community Services

Community Benefit efforts focused on programs, partnerships and strategies that increased access to primary care, preventive care, mental health care services and community-based services that address social drivers of health.

Goal: Increase access to health care and the capacity of health care partners, as well as improve the health of individuals in our community – particularly in Cedars-Sinai's Community Benefit Service Area – who have been historically underserved.

Objectives: Increase availability and access to primary care services; Increase community-based mental health services for populations that lack access; and enhance the capacity of Federally Qualified Health Centers by improving quality and developing the field's future leaders.

COACH for Kids®

Cedars-Sinai operates state-of-the-art mobile medical clinics staffed by a team of bilingual English/Spanish nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers, community health workers, and other health care professionals from Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. COACH preventive services include free well-child and immunization clinics for children, diagnosis, and treatment of minor illnesses for children. In FY26, the program recorded 1,100 visits, and provided 1,743 vaccinations.

The Cedars-Sinai COACH mobile medical units meet the immediate medical and social drivers of health needs of pediatric patient populations in historically marginalized communities, while transitioning patients to the care of a partnering Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and other community resources, which can provide care for their entire family. COACH serves communities in South Los Angeles, Watts and Crenshaw. Health care services are provided in a mobile unit at WIC Centers, elementary and middle schools and community hubs, such as supermarkets.

In FY26, accomplishments included:

- Establishing a new partnership with UMMA Health, an FQHC in South Los Angeles, to serve as patients' medical home.
- Optimizing/maintaining an interactive Case Management Patient Referral Tracker to monitor referral status in collaboration with FQHC partners.
- Optimizing and stabilization of operations and performance improvement metrics to measure the impact of connections/referrals to partner FQHCs.
- Provided nutrition assessments and counseling in well-child visits and connection to FQHCs for overweight/obese children for intervention and monitoring.
- Maintained tuberculosis screening and referral Tableau report for Quality Assurance Process Improvement (QAPI) project. Clinical and case management team collaborated with the Los Angeles Department of Public Health and FQHCs.
- Administered sport physicals with the development and implementation of a high-risk pre-screening tool and workflow.
- Administration of the Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine to infants per American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).
- Fit and licensed two electric vehicle mobile clinics, which will allow COACH to increase patient reach and volume in FY27.

COACH for Kids Encounters	
Encounter Type	**FY26 Participant Encounters**
Immunization Visits *(representing 1,743 immunizations administered)*	650
Well Child Check Visits	173
Other Clinical Visits *(Episodic, IZ, WIC/Hearing/Vision screenings, Labs, TB QuantiFERON Tests and PPD Reads)*	277
Clinical Encounter Subtotal	**1,100**
Patients and Family Members Referred to Local FQHCs	255
Additional Parent/Guardian Education	797
Encounter Grand Total	**2,152**

Collaborative Efforts

Cedars-Sinai team members participated in collaborative efforts that addressed improving health outcomes and increasing access to care, for example:

- Cedars-Sinai convened the Los Angeles Social Drivers of Health Convening, a collaborative group of health systems, hospitals, insurance providers and community clinics. The group meets twice per year with discussions focused on strategies for screening, facilitating connections to care, partnering with community-based providers and cross-sector collaboration.
- The LA Partnership is a collaboration among local health departments, Communities Lifting Communities – a nonprofit subsidiary of the Hospital Association of Southern California – and over 20 nonprofit hospitals in Los Angeles County. The group aims to promote best practices and alignment of CHNAs and Implementation Strategies among hospitals and community partners. Cedars-Sinai provides a leadership role with the LA Partnership Steering Committee.

Community Connect Program (addressing social needs of patients)

At Cedars-Sinai, we understand that social factors contribute to the overall health of our patients. We support individual and community health through assessment and interventions that help people get connected to the resources they need. With dedicated staffing, strong community partnerships and innovative technology, our program serves patients across the health system as they seek to improve their overall wellbeing.

The Community Connect Program sits within the Office of Health Equity and leads the approach to address the non-medical factors that impact patient health, ensuring all patients receive comprehensive support for a healthier life. The comprehensive Community Connect Program portfolio includes social drivers of health (SDoH) screening, an electronic community resource referral platform, strategic community partnerships and a community health worker program.

In FY26, accomplishments included:

<u>Social Drivers of Health (SDoH) Screening</u>

- The assessment tool screens for needs such as housing instability, utility needs, transportation needs, food insecurity, social isolation, interpersonal violence, mental health and substance abuse, depression, independent living, access to care and health literacy. This past year, Cedars-Sinai scaled up screening to go beyond the inpatient setting by launching an ambulatory SDoH screening pilot- adding the SDoH screening to the electronic check-in process for six outpatient clinics.

- In FY26, 28,000+ adult patients admitted to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center were screened, with over 2,500 patients receiving individual support for unmet social needs through social work follow-up.
- In FY26, over 10,000 patients were screened as part of the Ambulatory SDoH Screening Pilot in six primary and specialty care clinics.

CS Community Resource

- Cedars-Sinai uses an electronic referral platform called Cedars-Sinai Community Resource (CSCR) to streamline referrals to community partners, to improve coordination across sectors, and to improve access to vital community resources for patients and the community. In FY26, over 6,200 connections and referrals to connect patients in need were made to community-based resources.
- Community members used the public facing CSCR site over 12,000 times to self-navigate social care resources with the top 5 search terms being "food delivery," "help pay for housing," "food pantry," "help find housing" and "transportation for healthcare." https://www.cedars-sinai.org/community/programs/community-connect.html

Community Partnerships

- In FY26, increased Community Connect Network partners by 14, for a total of 63 partners in the network.
- 77% closed-loop response rate for partners in Community Connect Network.
- Guided strategic grantmaking in partnership with Cedars-Sinai's grantmaking team to build capacity in identified community-based organizations to meet the social drivers of health needs of the community. (See page 21: CSMC Grantmaking)

Community Health Worker (CHW) Program

- In FY26, the CHW team served 3,385 patients and successfully connected 59% to long-term sustainable support, including helping patients navigate medical, social and public benefit systems and connecting them to community-based resources.
- Expanded integration to support 30 teams across the health system.

Financial Assistance and Health Insurance Enrollment

Cedars-Sinai provides financial assistance through free and discounted care and government health programs for low-income patients for healthcare services. Cedars-Sinai's financial assistance policy can be accessed, if eligibility criteria are met, by people who earn up to 400% of the federal poverty level ($132,000 for a family of four) and significantly discounted care to those who earn up to 600% of the federal poverty level ($198,000 for a family of four). While more people have access to insurance coverage through the Affordable Care Act and Covered California, many commercial insurance plans carry a high deductible or copay, causing financial hardship for patients. Expanded eligibility criteria for free or discounted care, along with Cedars-Sinai's implementation of a data-driven Patient Financial Clearance presumptive screening tool (a product of Experian Health), enables more people to receive financial assistance. In addition, assistance is provided to enroll low-income persons in health insurance programs. Information on Cedars-Sinai's financial assistance policy is available online, including the application form and contact information. Presumptive screening puts Cedars-Sinai as currently fully compliant with AB1312, the Patient Debt Prevention Act, effective July 1, 2027.

Human Trafficking Response Taskforce

Trainings equip and empower the healthcare sector to recognize and respond to Human Trafficking. The Taskforce built capacity to recognize human trafficking victimization, respond with a trauma informed approach towards suspected victims and implemented comprehensive interventions to support survivors. In FY26, the taskforce convened five conferences, along with additional on-line trainings, honing the expertise of over 200 service providers to support this vulnerable population.

Office of Health Equity

At Cedars-Sinai, we are committed to eliminating health disparities and advancing equitable outcomes for our patients and communities through data-driven quality, patient safety and patient experience efforts.

In FY26, the Office of Health Equity built infrastructure to support equity-driven solutions addressing clinical disparities, inclusive care, patient empowerment, and social needs. Key highlights included:

<u>Disparity Data Integrity</u>

- Expanded efforts to improve patient self-identification in the electronic medical record, strengthening the accuracy and inclusivity of demographic data.
- Enhanced quality dashboards and provided stakeholders with guidance to identify and address disparities in quality and patient safety outcomes.

Inclusive Care and Quality Improvement

- Partnered with Language Services on a Quality Council initiative to identify barriers and facilitators to interpreter utilization and documentation.
- Launched the second Health Equity Fellowship cohort, engaging 14 employees across the system in training focused on health equity, quality improvement, project management, coaching, facilitation and leadership.

Access to Care

- Initiated a workgroup to support uninsured and underinsured patients who may be affected by state and federal budget changes.

Regulatory Alignment and Compliance

- Launched Cedars-Sinai's first annual Health Equity Report, as required by AB 1204.
- Advanced compliance with ACA Section 1557 and Americans with Disabilities Act requirements through a disability-inclusive care portfolio focused on improving responsiveness to reasonable modification and accommodation needs.
- In alignment with AB 3161 and in response to identified needs, partnered with Risk Management and Patient Advocacy to enhance discrimination and bias reporting workflows and formalize communication pathways for patients and families.

Philanthropic Investment in Equitable Outcomes

- The Office also received a $10 million donation to establish the Holoman Health Equity Center. The Center will serve as a data, analytics, research, innovation, evaluation and learning hub to advance measurable improvements in access, experience and outcomes for all patients.

Primary Adult Care Services

Cedars-Sinai's Primary Adult Care (PAC) Clinic provides primary care services to residents who live within a five-mile radius of the Medical Center. Medical residents and fellows are supervised by attending physicians who are members of CSMC medical staff. In FY26, there were 7,787 patient clinic encounters, the majority of whom are underinsured.

Psychiatric Patient Support

Cedars-Sinai made psychiatric care available for patients who needed intensive mental health care support by covering the cost of psychiatric and behavioral health services at partner agencies.

Share & Care

Cedars-Sinai Share & Care is a school-based mental health prevention and early intervention program using art therapy, mindfulness, and council interventions to help children, educators and families impacted by traumatic events and/or stressors.

Since 1981, the Share & Care program has supported students. Programs and trainings for children, teachers, parents, social workers, counselors, psychologists, school administrators and principals are led by licensed mental health practitioners and enhance an at-risk child's ability to learn in the classroom. Share & Care counselors facilitate 10-week curriculum-based art therapy focus groups that provide a therapeutic environment to improve students' ability to concentrate and engage in positive behaviors. Therapy groups focus on trauma, loss and grief, self-esteem, bullying, socialization, anger management, divorce, shyness, incarcerated parent, coping with change and healthy decision making.

In addition, Share & Care offers a post-master's degree associates training program in school-based services for marriage and family therapists, social workers, and professional clinical counselors, combining theory, clinical experience, observation, and supervision. In FY26, the program had four Mental Health Associates.

In FY26, accomplishments included:

- 29,000+ total encounters with students, teachers, parents and school principals in 30 schools: 24 elementary schools, 5 middle schools, 1 high school
- 3,060 group therapy sessions
- 123 classroom interventions
- 39 teacher professional development workshops
- 103 monthly parent education workshops
- Close to 3,000 parent encounters – Topics Included:
    - Transitions
    - Organization and Procrastination
    - Positive Friendships
    - Stress and Self-Care for Parents
    - Celebrating Culture and Tradition
    - New Year Reducing Anxiety
    - Talking About Difficult Topics
    - Positive Communication
    - Let's Talk About Anxiety
    - Digital Awareness and Social Media

<u>Collaborations</u>

- Partnered with LAUSD District West in presenting to principals on the topic of Social Media.

- Partnered with Healthy Habits' Wilshire Park school site to provide crisis support in response to the homicide of a teacher.
- Continued support of students impacted by 2025 fires from Marquez Middle School and Palisades Elementary School.

Capacity Building

- Continued to build capacity for additional schools through monthly virtual parent meetings.
- In the 2025-2026 school year, Share & Care counselors at many partner schools set up activity tables during recess and lunch, to provide another space for students struggling socially or emotionally. Children who repeatedly came to discuss therapeutic issues were invited to join the Share & Care program.

Team HEAL

For young athletes growing up in underserved communities, participation in athletics is often the door to a world of possibilities. However, participation in athletics also lends itself to the risk of injury. Team HEAL focuses on the health, well-being and the future of student-athletes in Los Angeles-area high schools.

Team HEAL enhances a school's ability to provide more substantial health and safety measures to student-athletes through athletic healthcare services provided by certified Athletic Trainers (ATCs). Also designed to foster life skills and prepare them for the future, Cedars-Sinai engages students in work and college readiness initiatives through mentorship, academic support, college scholarships and career development. Cedars-Sinai funded athletic trainers are in the classroom, teaching sports medicine classes, exposing the students to healthcare professions and increasing health literacy.

Cedars-Sinai's ongoing partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District allows us to achieve the results that enable us to expand our program to other high schools, serving more students in underserved communities.

In FY26, accomplishments included:

- Continued to fund athletic trainers and/or athletic training infrastructure at five LAUSD schools.
- Provided 139 free pre-season sports physicals to Team HEAL student athletes.
- Awarded $12,500 in college scholarships to five high school graduates.
- Cedars-Sinai's Saturday Urgent Care Injury Clinic provided 20 student athletes with orthopedic consultations.
- 22 Team HEAL patients were referred to and treated for lab, radiology and pharmaceutical services, and in some cases surgery, at Cedars-Sinai, totaling over $218,000 in charity care.

Training and Direct Medical Care at FQHCs and Look-a-Like Clinics

Partnering with FQHCs and clinics in Los Angeles, Cedars-Sinai physicians provided direct patient care in these community-based settings. Partners included AIDS Project Los Angeles, KHEIR Clinic, Los Angeles Christian Health Centers, Planned Parenthood Los Angeles health centers in Inglewood and West Hollywood, Saban Community Clinic, and Venice Family Clinic. These partnerships increased clinic ability to provide health care to community members while giving medical residents training in a primary care setting.

Optimizing Health and Preventing Disease

Community Benefit efforts focused on preventing chronic health conditions and their underlying risk factors, and on preventative immunization efforts. With cross-functional planning to address social drivers of health and health equity, Cedars-Sinai implemented programs and partnerships focused on prevention, screenings, community outreach and education as it related to the following chronic diseases: cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and overweight and obesity.

Goals: Reduce the impact of chronic diseases on health and increase the focus on chronic disease prevention and treatment education; and reduce the impact of immunization-preventable diseases.

Objectives: Improve screening, prevention and treatment of chronic diseases; Increase positive behavior changes associated with chronic disease management; and Increase community access to immunizations (flu, pneumococcal and COVID-19).

Cancer Research Center for Health Equity (CRCHE)/Community Outreach and Engagement (COE)

CRCHE/COE at Cedars-Sinai Cancer reduce the burden of cancer across the cancer center's catchment area through community partnerships, culturally responsive outreach, prevention and screening, navigation, research and health equity efforts. In 2024, the catchment area expanded beyond Los Angeles County to include Kern, Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. CRCHE and COE work with faith communities, FQHCs, community-based organizations, healthcare partners and community leaders to address barriers to prevention, screening and care. Through evidence-based interventions, community navigation, capacity building, clinical trials awareness and community-engaged research, CRCHE and COE support more equitable access to cancer prevention, early detection, treatment, research and survivorship resources.

United in Faith: Health Action in Communities

- United in Faith partners with faith communities. The initiative builds on a church-based education and lay health navigator model developed with the Korean American community. Women who received the intervention were three times more likely to complete breast cancer screening than women during the control period. United in Faith is extending this community-engaged approach to strengthen partnerships with faith leaders in communities experiencing screening disparities to support cancer prevention and early detection.

TheQuitAlliance: Tobacco Cessation and Smoke-Free Communities

- TheQuitAlliance builds the capacity of healthcare and community organizations to provide evidence-based tobacco cessation services through tailored trainings and materials, shared learning and implementation of the Ask-Advise-Refer model. TheQuitAlliance also partners with LGBTQ+ and community organizations in Los Angeles County to address tobacco-related disparities, and to provide policy recommendations to reduce secondhand smoke exposure and support community education and engagement around smoke-free multi-unit housing and outdoor public spaces.

Community Cancer Navigation and Education

- Cancer Navigation and Education partners with multicultural and multilingual community health workers, *promotores* and cancer navigators who serve as trusted messengers in churches, health clinics, community organizations, LGBTQ+ communities and rural and semi-rural areas. Navigators provide science-based cancer education, facilitate screening, identify and address barriers to care, support follow-up, connect individuals with healthcare resources and promote participation in research and clinical trials. Their work mitigates barriers to timely diagnosis and treatment for underserved community members.

Capacity Building, Cancer Screening and Regional Partnerships

- Partnering with FQHCs, community-based organizations and faith-based organizations, the program strengthens cancer prevention, screening, navigation and follow-up care using evidence-based strategies. In Los Angeles, COE supports mobile and community-based screening services and works with trained *promotores* to connect community members with screening and appropriate follow-up, including breast and liver health screening. In the Antelope Valley, COE established the Antelope Valley Cancer Health Equity partnership and Community Cancer Navigator model to address local screening barriers, provide culturally

relevant education and strengthen referral pathways. In Kern County, COE established the Breast Cancer Screening Roundtable, supported community outreach and mobile mammography, facilitated community-engaged survivorship research and brought together healthcare and community stakeholders to develop strategies for improving screening, follow-up and survivorship care.

Community Advisory, Partnership Engagement and Collaboration

- The program engages community leaders, nonprofit organizations, community health workers, cancer survivors, patient advocates, clinicians and other stakeholders to create structured opportunities for communities to identify cancer priorities, provide input to cancer center leadership and research programs, and ensure that outreach and research reflect community needs and experiences.
- Collaborations include researchers, healthcare organizations, public health agencies and community partners to translate prevention evidence into regional practice. This work includes the Science of Cancer Health and Community Summit, regional and statewide lung cancer coalitions, dissemination of data and community research, and education of community and policy leaders about lung cancer screening, early detection and equitable access to prevention.

Clinical Trials and Research

- **Be Part of the Cure** provides culturally and linguistically responsive clinical trials education designed to address misinformation, build trust and increase awareness of research opportunities. The initiative connects community members with clinical trials navigation and helps address barriers related to language, transportation, insurance, information and access.
- COE connects investigators with community partners, supports culturally responsive recruitment, facilitates research participation and disseminates findings back to participating communities.
- COE supports community engagement and recruitment for the Asian American Prospective Research (ASPIRE) cohort study through Cedars-Sinai Cancer's network of Asian American faith, community and healthcare partners.
- COE creates opportunities for researchers and community partners to share research findings, discuss emerging studies and return results to the communities that contributed to the work.

Workforce and Community Capacity Development

- Provides ongoing training and development for community health workers, *promotores* and navigators to strengthen cancer prevention, outreach and navigation skills. COE also leads the Certificate in Community Outreach and Engagement in collaboration with Cancer Research Training and Education Coordination and partner cancer centers, building foundational community-engagement skills and a national community of practice for COE professionals.

FY26 Accomplishments	Persons Served
Community Outreach and Education Workshops – Cancer Education and Referral Facilitation: Community Events with LatinX, Filipino, Korean, LGBTQ and areas of Antelope Valley and Kern County: 467 events	24,021
Navigation: 26 events	540
Networking: 9 events	45
Partnership Building: 17 events	90
Cancer Screenings and Education Community Events for Breast Cancer, Colorectal Cancer, HPV and more: 30 events	16,020

Community Health Improvement

Cedars-Sinai's Community Health Improvement (CHI) program is dedicated to empowering older adults, vulnerable community members, and Cedars-Sinai neighbors, through health education, health screenings, vaccinations, and evidence-based exercise programs. By partnering with local community organizations, increasing individuals' health literacy and building capacity, CHI aims to enhance the well-being of underserved populations within our Community Benefit service area. No insurance or payment is required to take part in these services. In FY26 the program served 3,719 participants and provided 21,395 encounters.

In FY26, accomplishments included:

- Provided the seasonal flu vaccine to 1,000 individuals at 24 events.
- Provided blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol screenings to 1,318 individuals at 31 events. The screening results reinforced the need for targeted prevention and follow-up.
    - Provided 714 educational encounters to individuals at health fair events for blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol.
    - Provided advanced screenings and education interactions in partnership with Cedars-Sinai clinical teams including stroke, diabetes, and memory disorders.

- Delivered education to 695 community members through health and wellness talks.
- Delivered **Forever Fit** exercise and social connection opportunities for older adults to 692 participants through more than 18,000 encounters.
    - Delivered over 2,000 encounters to 63 participants through the evidence-based **Bingosize** program.
    - Provided over 10,000 encounters to 264 individuals across five sites in the evidence-based **EnhanceFitness** program and added a virtual option to increase access to additional members.
    - Provided access and co-managed, with Jewish Family Services, the evidence-based program **AFEP (Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program)** which provided 5,663 encounters to 379 participants.
- Explored a hub-and-spoke model to host health screenings, flu vaccination events, and Health and Wellness Talks at Forever Fit sites, increasing repeat engagement and service delivery with community members.

Healthy Habits

Cedars-Sinai's Healthy Habits programs seek to reduce the risks and impacts of obesity in underserved communities. Children and families learn about healthy eating and physical activity through a wide-range of education, capacity building and technical assistance programs run by trained health educators, reaching elementary school students and families in underserved communities. Healthy Habits programs include an evidence-based and evaluated curriculum for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades, Healthy Habits for Families, Exercise in the Park, summer programs and school-wide events. Healthy Habits partners with 18 elementary schools in Los Angeles.

In FY26, accomplishments included:

- 1,039 individual lessons and workshops/19,728 participant encounters, including 2,781 students and adults
- In-person Healthy Habits curriculum, i.e. elementary health education and physical activity programs, in partnership with 18 partner schools in 139 classrooms
- 600 training hours for combined five dietetic interns and two graduate student interns
- Expanded family engagement in eight schools reaching 95 adults, extending Healthy Habits education beyond the classroom and into the home
- **Forever Fit**: Exercise in the Park summer community exercise program, providing accessible group physical activity opportunities for community members
- **Cooking with Healthy Habits** in partnership with LA's BEST at the Korean Youth Community Center (KYCC), Cahuenga Elementary, Charles H. Kim Elementary, Los Angeles Elementary, and Wilshire Park Elementary and middle school students.

Samuel Oschin Comprehensive Cancer Institute (SOCCI)
Cancer Survivorship Services provided rehabilitation medicine to cancer survivors who were provided with social services, exercise recovery, nutrition and referral services. Cancer survivor programs provided 557 encounters in FY26.

Support Groups

- The Diabetes Support Group meets monthly and provides nutrition and dietary counseling. In FY26, 72 people participated in the Diabetes Support Group.
- The Minimally Invasive Weight Loss Surgery Center held 108 classes with 816 encounters, including Get-on-Track Support Group and Nutrition 101.
- Rehabilitation Support Groups reached 212 people in FY26. Groups included: Aphasia Support Group, Yes I Can! Stroke Support Group (focused on life after stroke), Think Tank Support Group, Loud Crowd Support Group (for individuals with Parkinson's and other conditions that effect communication) and Young Stroke Support Group.

Addressing Housing Insecurity and Homelessness

Community Benefit efforts focused on connecting people experiencing homelessness to community-based programs and services as well as building strategies to improve health and housing stability.

Goals: Improve health care delivery to people experiencing homelessness; and connect people experiencing homelessness with needed resources.

Objectives: Improve the health of people experiencing homelessness; and increase access to community-based services to improve the health and housing stability of people experiencing homelessness.

Emergency Department Community Resource Coordinators
The Cedars-Sinai Emergency Department (ED) employed one and a half (1.5 FTE) full-time patient navigators to connect patients experiencing homelessness with local resources, including: case management, clothing, food and shelter. Case management was provided for people experiencing chronic homelessness and persistent mental illness. Resources and linkages to community-based services were provided to stabilize patients in the community, better address patient needs while in the hospital and reduce hospital readmissions and ED use.

Healthcare and Supportive Services
Cedars-Sinai commits focused resources – social work, nursing and psychiatry – to support patients experiencing homelessness throughout the hospital.

Healthcare in Action
Cedars-Sinai contracts with Healthcare in Action to extend health care services beyond the walls of the medical center through an innovative "street medicine" approach focused on providing extra care and support to patients experiencing homelessness. In FY26, Cedars-Sinai made 114 referrals to the Healthcare in Action program.

Recuperative Care
Cedars-Sinai supported people experiencing homelessness by connecting patients to shelters and providing transportation, food and clothing. Cedars-Sinai transitioned patients requiring additional assistance post-discharge to the National Health Foundation, a recuperative care partner designed to care for patients and connect them to resources, including longer-term housing solutions and governmental benefits.

FY26 CSMC Grantmaking

Cedars-Sinai awarded $20 million across 305 grants and sponsorships to nonprofit community organizations in FY26. Almost $19 million of these awards represent 169 grants across its three funding priorities: (1) Access to Care, (2) Homelessness and Housing and (3) Community Response.

- $7.4 million for **Access to Care** to improve access to physical and behavioral healthcare and support the safety-net workforce including:
    - The Black Birth Equity Initiative, a $6.5 million, six-year commitment launched in 2023, involving 18 organizations to improve access to quality healthcare in order to reduce infant mortality and morbidity factors.
    - $250,000 to Neighborhood Legal Services for benefits outreach, enrollment assistance and nonprofit training.
    - $850,000 to the Healthforce Center at UCSF for Cohort 9 of the Cedars-Sinai Community Clinic Initiative that serves to strengthen leadership capacity in community health centers across Los Angeles.
    - $100,000 to Kheir Clinic to support strategic planning efforts to respond to policy changes, maximize revenue, and ensure Medi-Cal coverage retention while expanding patient outreach and education.
    - $100,000 to AltaMed to strengthen linkages to longer-term behavioral health care in disaster-impacted communities.

- $8.6 million in the **Homelessness and Housing** arena to support connections between healthcare and housing systems, with a focus on older adults, youth and young adults including:
    - Cedars-Sinai Medical Center is one of Los Angeles' largest philanthropic investors, and the largest non-foundation funder, in addressing and preventing homelessness having contributed more than $85 million since 2020 in the space.
    - $175,000 to a six-organization coalition led by Homebase to help service providers prevent people experiencing homelessness from losing Medi-Cal coverage through the creation of a population-specific toolkit to support reenrollment efforts.
    - $1 million to Brilliant Corners to expand the data-driven LA County Homeless Prevention Unit to identify youth and young adults at high risk of losing housing through case management, supportive services, and flexible financial assistance.
- $2.7 million as **Community Response** to build nonprofit capacity, respond to urgent and emergency needs and support organizations addressing social drivers of health.
    - $300,000 to the LA Food Policy Council to support CalFresh utilization through benefits outreach, market-based food access initiatives, and food systems coordination.
    - $450,000 to the Nonprofit Sustainability Initiative to support local nonprofits restructuring, merging, or planning executive transitions.

Other Community Benefit Services

CSMC provided Community Benefit services in addition to those programs focused on addressing priority health needs.

Community Health Improvement

Jewish Expectant Parents Workshop

About 1,400 Jewish babies are born at Cedars-Sinai annually, accounting for roughly 20 percent of births at the medical center. The Jewish Expectant Parent Workshop gives interested parents guidance as they begin to think about the kinds of Jewish homes they might create. During the three-hour workshop, couples explore customs for welcoming boys and girls, along with family rituals and routines that help reinforce Jewish identity.

Memory Center Community Outreach

The Memory Disorders Program educates communities throughout the Los Angeles region on dementia, clinical trials, and modifiable risk factors.

Community Volunteering

Cedars-Sinai facilitates employees to volunteer on their own time in partnering community-based organizations to provide needed services for vulnerable communities.

Health Professions Education

Continuing Medical Education (CME)

Cedars-Sinai's CME program holds Accreditation with Commendation from the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education. Health education was provided to medical professionals to update their skills and maintain current certifications in their specialties. In FY26, 6,416 CME education encounters were provided.

Graduate Medical Education (GME)

Residents and fellows develop personal, clinical and professional competence under the guidance and supervision of Cedars-Sinai faculty. The GME program at Cedars-Sinai has 16 Residency programs and 76 fellowship programs. Over 200 postdoctoral scholars, 50+ PhD students and 50+ Masters of Science students. Approximately 18,000 learners visited the Women's Guild Simulation Center for Advanced Skills.

Medical Student Training

Medical student rotations: 724 University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) students through an academic affiliation with the UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine; students enrolled in elective rotations from institutions participating in the Visiting Student Application Service; and students from international institutions received rotation training.

Nursing Education and Student Precepting

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Nursing Institute provided 761 clinical experiences, totaling 102,776 total hours of nursing educational hours for undergraduate and graduate students from local nursing school programs.

PhD Biomedical Sciences & Translational Medicine Education Program

The Graduate School in Biomedical Sciences focuses on transforming laboratory discoveries into therapies, treatments and cures that directly benefit patients. Mentored by researchers and clinicians, the program's 423 students completed laboratory rotations, observed patient care and engaged in structured workshops and seminars before preparing and defending their research dissertations.

Other Health Professions Education

- 22 dietician and dietetic technician students received training with Cedars-Sinai staff through a 10-month post baccalaureate internship program to prepare interns for careers in Medical Nutrition Therapy, with a strong focus on leadership and diversity. Student interns qualify for the National Registration Exams.

- The Paramedic Internship Program provided 48 paramedic interns with clinical experience and educational training in the Emergency Department. Clinical training is a requirement for the certified degree program at the UCLA Daniel Freeman Hospital Paramedic Education Program.

- The Pathology Internship program provided clinical experience to 28 Pathology Student Interns as a prerequisite for their graduation from State certified pathology schools and universities.

- The Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Internship Program provided full-time clinical internship experiences for 40 rehabilitation-focused students: Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Psychology.

- 12 students participated in the Respiratory Care Services Internship Program. In partnership with Los Angeles Valley College, students obtained clinical experience to obtain a license to practice as a Respiratory Care Practitioner.

- Three student interns completed their required field work hours to obtain their Master of Social Work (MSW) degrees.

- The Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Program is an interfaith, professional education program for religious leaders and theological students in a clinical setting. The CPE program provided 243 professional training encounters, which is required for CPE Certification. The program included didactic seminars, educational activities, educational guidance, clinical practice and development of skills in interpersonal and inter-professional relationships.

- Additionally, Cedars-Sinai's Community Benefit programs serve as training sites for mental health professionals, community health educators and social workers. In FY26 students received precepted and formalized education offerings that counted toward their respective degree programs. These trainees become especially skilled in working in historically and economically marginalized communities.

Research

Cedars-Sinai is one of the leading institutes for competitive research funding from the National Institutes of Health and currently has more than 2,600 research projects, many led by physician-scientists.

Cedars-Sinai has one of the largest state-of-the-art clinical research trial facilities of any private hospital in the nation. More than 638 clinical trials, covering the entire spectrum of disease investigation, are underway to advance patient care and improve patient outcomes.

Cash and In-Kind Donations

- Strategic grantmaking, as outlined in this report: $19 million through 169 grants to community-based organizations.
- Provided meeting space for ongoing weekly, bi-weekly and monthly community-based support groups at hospital site including 12-step groups, recovery programs for codependency, gambling and more.

Community Benefit Operations

Cedars-Sinai devotes management and staff salaries, benefits and expenses, administrative support and consultants in support of Community Benefit. Community Benefit Operations also includes the monitoring, evaluating and learning functions which support strategic use of Community Benefit program data to maximize commitment and impact.

Community Building Activities

Community Support

- Disaster readiness: Support and leadership for planning and preparing for a disaster for the community at-large.
- Community celebration honoring the life and legacy of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: the celebration occurs at Cedars-Sinai. Invitees include employees, public officials and invited members of the larger Los Angeles community. The program is live-streamed for virtual viewing, with the program link posted on the Cedars-Sinai Diversity & Inclusion web page.
- Yom Ha'Shoah observance: candle-lighting ceremony in remembrance of the genocide of six million European Jews during the Holocaust. The ceremony at Cedars-Sinai included a guest speaker on the Holocaust and genocide, with a focus on educating participants – employees and community - about the history of the Holocaust, genocide and the struggle to achieve global justice and tolerance.

Workforce Development

- **Black Men in White Coats**
  Cedars-Sinai partnered with Black Men in White Coats for the fourth annual Youth Summit, hosting over 1,000 students, parents, educators, healthcare professionals and community leaders from across Southern California. The event at the Los Angeles Convention Center was an opportunity for students of color to learn about careers in healthcare. Founded by Dale Okorodudu, MD, Black Men in White Coats encourages students from diverse backgrounds to pursue careers in medicine. During the event, students visited interactive stations run by Cedars-Sinai faculty, trainees, and healthcare providers to learn about various aspects of clinical care, including respiratory therapy, laparoscopic surgery, sports medicine, artificial intelligence technology, imaging and emergency care.

- **Pre-Health Care Student Volunteer Program**
  Community health education classes, seminars, conferences and events were provided for 265 students who are planning to attend medical school. Priority was given to students from educationally or economically under-resourced communities.

- **Transforming Care at the Bedside (TCAB)**
  TCAB is a workforce development volunteer program focused on exposing individuals interested in pursuing healthcare careers, such as nursing, medicine, physical therapy and more. Volunteers gain real-world exposure to clinical and research-based careers. TCAB volunteers serve a minimum of 100 hours, or about six months. In FY26 Cedars-Sinai hosted 1,424 volunteers in the TCAB program.

- **U-GROW (Undergraduates Gaining Research Opportunities for the Cancer Workforce)**
  Partnering with eight California State University campuses across Southern California, Cedars-Sinai Cancer introduced talented undergraduates, through 133 encounters, from diverse backgrounds to cancer research careers.

- **Women's Guild Simulation Center**
  Community education liaison program, in partnership with local LAUSD Secondary and Middle Schools, conducted student tours and demonstrations at the Women's Guild Simulation Center. The program focused on workforce development to expose over 4,000 students to current medical technology and research as a professional option for their career development.

- **Next Generation Healthcare Pathways (NextGen)**
  NextGen is committed to transforming the future of healthcare by nurturing young talent and fostering a diverse pipeline of future leaders with NextGen initiatives:
  - Youth Employment and Development (YED) In partnership with the Los Angeles Unified School District, participants in this two-year program earn credits each semester toward graduation while gaining work experience of up to 10 hours per week. This year 60+ students were immersed in classroom learning at Fairfax High School, working across various departments at Cedars-Sinai and complemented by employee mentoring.
  - EMERGE (Educational Mentorship for Empowering Resilient Growth & Excellence in Healthcare) is a one-year program for YED alumni. EMERGE empowered over 70 participants to work part-time during college, helping them fund their education while providing essential experience needed for future employment.
  - DISCOVER (Dynamic Involvement for Students Cultivating Opportunities and Vision in Healthcare Education & Research) offers a transformative 10-week summer experience. In collaboration with Unite LA and the Los Angeles Mayor's office, DISCOVER enables over 30 college students to explore healthcare career pathways through paid summer jobs, setting them on a trajectory for success.
  - ELEVATE (Empowering Learning & Vocational Advancement Through Excellence), designed for those who complete DISCOVER, is a one-year extension that provides year-round employment opportunities at Cedars-Sinai, focusing on allied health careers. The ultimate goal is to help these dedicated students secure full-time positions in the healthcare field.
  - Beyond the Books, is a two-week summer high school program for 25 students. The program gives students an opportunity to work with researchers, clinicians, and other healthcare professionals in the Cedars-Sinai Cancer Center, completing research and leadership trainings, shadowing in basic science labs, getting hands-on experience within the simulation center, and participating in a day-long Design Your Life curriculum.
  - Career Days, hosted by NextGen, reaches over 500 middle and high school students annually. In FY26, four events provided essential information and insights into healthcare careers, furthering our mission to empower the next generation. Cedars-Sinai's career-focused programs create pathways to success for historically underrepresented and disadvantaged youth. Together, we are building a brighter, more inclusive future for healthcare in the Los Angeles region and beyond.

Community Benefit Inventory FY26

Community Benefit Categories	Encounters
Community Health Improvement Services *Programs/activities that improve community health*	99,219
Health Professions Education *Educational programs for physicians, nurses and other health professionals*	8,656
Cash and In-Kind Contributions *In-kind services donated to benefit the community (excludes programs and encounters from $20M+ of grantmaking)*	1,250
Community Building *Programs/activities that help build the capacity of the community to address "upstream" factors and social drivers that impact health and safety*	10,120
Total Encounters	**119,408**

In addition to Cedars-Sinai's commitment to the community through all aspects of Community Benefit, as defined by the Community Benefit categories above, the health system strategically invests capital, creating positive social investment and economic empowerment in communities and among businesses that face economic disparities. In FY26, more than $25 million was deployed in social impact investments in Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) that build capacity for economic growth in marginalized communities and with developers focused on affordable and permanent supportive housing, seeking solutions for Los Angeles County's housing crisis.

Financial Summary of Community Benefit

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center provides financial assistance and Community Benefit services, programs and activities that serve vulnerable individuals and families, the elderly and children. The costs of providing these services are not fully reimbursed. Costs are calculated using a cost to charge ratio for any unreimbursed service. Also included are activities that improve the community's health status, with a focus on health promotion and education, capacity building and meeting unmet health and health related social needs. Costs for these activities include direct costs and allocated overhead costs, offset by any donations and grants received.

CSMC Community Benefit Financial Commitment, July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Community Benefit Financial Categories	**Net Benefit FY26**
Unreimbursed Cost of Direct Medical Care for the Poor and Underserved (Excludes the unreimbursed cost of caring for Medicare patients) • Charity care and uncompensated care for the uninsured: $86,042,000 • Unreimbursed cost: caring for Medi-Cal patients: $178,553,000	$264,595,000
Unreimbursed Cost of Specialty Government Programs	$15,469,000
Research Programs: Research Costs, less support from others (including grants and donors)	$113,633,000
Community Benefit Programs, including Community Health Improvement Services, Charitable Donations and Education and Training for Physicians and Other Health Professionals	$205,749,000
Total Community Benefit Excluding Unpaid Cost of Direct Medical Care for Medicare Patients	**$599,446,000**
Unreimbursed Cost of Direct Medical Care for Medicare Patients	$591,245,000
Total Community Benefit	**$1,190,691,000**

- For a detailed table of Cedars-Sinai Medical Center's Community Benefit financial commitments: Vulnerable Populations and Broader Community, **see Appendix A**.
- For a detailed table of programs by Vulnerable Populations and Broader Community, **see Appendix B.**

Community Benefit Plan FY27

CSMC will implement Community Benefit programs and activities in FY27 according to the needs prioritized in the 2025 CHNA and Implementation Strategy. Health needs were prioritized with the help of community stakeholders through the CHNA process. For a list of community stakeholders who engaged in the health needs prioritization process: **See Appendix C.**

Health Focus Areas:

1. Increasing Access to Healthcare and Community Services
2. Optimizing Health and Preventing Disease
3. Addressing Housing Insecurity and Homelessness

Access to Healthcare and Community Services: Primary Care, Mental Health and Maternal and Infant Health

Goal: Increase access to healthcare and improve the health of historically marginalized and under-resourced individuals and families in CSMC's Community Benefit Service Area, with a special focus on ***primary care***, ***mental health*** and ***maternal and infant health***.

Objectives/Anticipated Impacts: Increased availability and access to healthcare and community services focused in under-resourced communities, especially primary, mental health and maternal and infant health services, including, but not limited to: increased connections to community-based services to address healthcare access and health-related social needs rooted in social drivers of health.

Access to Healthcare and Community Services: Programs and Strategies
Black Birth Equity CSMC will continue to prioritize Black birth equity through grants and support to healthcare organizations and nonprofits that provide free or low-cost access to doulas and midwives, lactation support, mental health treatment and birth worker retention strategies.
Case Management and Social Work CSMC will continue to provide patients with socioeconomic needs with resources to facilitate access to primary care, outpatient care and to services that address social drivers of health.
Cedars-Sinai Community Resource (CSCR) CSMC social workers and staff will continue to use CSCR, an electronic community resource referral platform powered by *FindHelp*, to navigate patients to needed community services. Staff are trained to optimize this resource. Additionally, CSCR will continue to be available to patients and community members through a public-facing website, providing information on how to connect to needed resources. Thousands of community searches have been logged on CSCR, showing how important this resource is to navigate and access services.

Access to Healthcare and Community Services: Programs and Strategies
Cedars-Sinai's Primary Adult Care (PAC) Clinic CSMC's PAC will continue to provide primary and specialty care services to uninsured, underinsured and Medi-Cal residents who live within a five-mile radius of the CSMC. PAC clinic services include screening, preventive health measures, management of diabetes and cardiovascular disease, as well as other specialty services available within the clinic. This includes pilot programs to expand specialty care services unavailable at partner FQHCs (such as Saban Community Clinic). Medical residents and fellows will continue their training at the PAC Clinic, supervised by attending physicians who are members of CSMC medical staff.
C.O.A.C.H. for Kids The CSMC COACH (Community Outreach Assistance for Children's Health) mobile medical clinic is dedicated to meeting the immediate medical, behavioral health and community needs of pediatric patients, including over 100 children ages 0-2, that are historically underserved. COACH will continue to provide free transitional medical care, preventive care and social support services, while connecting patients and their families to integrated quality health care and other community resources. Service sites will continue to include schools, places of worship, public housing developments, WIC (Women, Infants and Children) centers, Head Start centers and other community agencies. Service areas include Central and South Los Angeles, Watts and Crenshaw. COACH has 45+ co-location sites.
Community Health Improvement CSMC's Community Health Improvement (CHI) will continue to provide health education and screenings, older adult fitness and wellbeing curriculums, Flu and COVID-19 vaccines, as well as immunization programs for children, families and older adults – all free to the public – elevating health literacy and ensuring participants have access to ongoing care in their own neighborhoods. CHI hosts 25+ community events annually throughout CSMC's Community Benefit Service Area.
Financial Assistance and Health Insurance Enrollment CSMC will continue to provide free care to people who earn up to 400% of the federal poverty level and discounted care to those who earn up to 600% of the federal poverty level.
Grantmaking: Access to Health and Mental Health Care CSMC recognizes the critical role of partnerships in promoting access to health care for populations that are underserved and lack access to culturally safe services. CSMC will continue to build partnerships that include significant investments to strengthen the safety net clinic network across Los Angeles, as well as individual capacity-building grants to clinics. CSMC funds programs that focus on building the capacity of FQHCs and behavioral health organizations to increase access to and quality of care. CSMC reaches the majority of community health centers in the Community Benefit Service Area. Grants will continue to support community health centers in addressing the social drivers of health of patients and communities and to organizations providing direct mental and behavioral health care services to community members facing economic barriers and comorbidities.
Grantmaking: Community Response CSMC will continue to address unmet needs that impact health and well-being through strategic coordination with local community organizations and municipalities. Funding addresses social drivers of health and health equity, including emerging public health needs and disaster response.

Access to Healthcare and Community Services: Programs and Strategies
Psychiatric Patient Support For patients who need additional care outside of the medical center, CSMC will continue to provide access through ongoing partnerships for psychiatric and behavioral health services.
Share & Care CSMC's Share & Care will continue to offer programs and trainings for children, teachers, parents and school principals, facilitated by licensed mental health practitioners, that enhance at-risk children's ability to learn in the classroom, change destructive behaviors and envision a brighter future. Share & Care counselors will continue to facilitate 10-week group art-therapy programs that provide a therapeutic environment to improve students' abilities to cope with trauma, loss and grief, self-esteem, bullying, socialization, anger management, divorce, shyness, incarcerated parents, substance abuse and experiences from L.A.'s fires. Share & Care partners with 20+ LAUSD schools.
Social Drivers of Health (SDOH) Screening CSMC will continue to screen patients for social drivers of health, with active analysis of SDOH screening data and partnership-building to meet patient health-related social needs.
Specialty Charity Care Referral Program Provides direct access to free specialty care services including maternal health and OB/Gyn services, pediatric Orthopedic services and Gastroenterological and Rheumatological services.
Training and Direct Medical Care CSMC physicians will continue to partner with and provide access to primary care in FQHCs and FQHC Look-Alikes located in Los Angeles. These partnerships increase FQHCs' ability to provide health care to community members while giving medical residents training in, and exposure to, the role of a primary care provider in providing health care services to populations historically, socially and economically marginalized and underserved.

Optimizing Health and Preventing Disease: Cancer, Cardiovascular Disease, Diabetes, Food Insecurity, Overweight/Obesity and Screenings

Goal: Optimize health by reducing the impact of chronic diseases and by increasing access to healthcare, resources, education and prevention services in historically marginalized and under-resourced communities, especially children, families and older adults in CSMC's Community Benefit Service Area, with a special focus on cancer, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, food insecurity, overweight/obesity, health screenings and provision of vaccines.

Objectives/Anticipated Impacts: Increasing availability and access to preventive care programs and services that optimize health, focused in under-resourced communities, including, but not limited to: facilitation of health screenings, vaccines, prevention and treatment of chronic diseases, education and support for positive behavior changes associated with chronic disease management and increased connections to community-based services to address access and health-related social needs rooted in social drivers of health.

Optimizing Health and Preventing Disease: Programs and Strategies
Cancer Research Center for Health Equity/Community Outreach and Engagement (CRCHE) CSMC's CRCHE will continue to increase cancer awareness, screening and capacity in underserved communities to address disparities.
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Evidence-Based and -Informed Programs Open and free to the public, Forever Fit is an evidence-informed fitness program designed to promote active aging and prevent fall-related injuries among older adults. The program offers full-body fitness through engaging classes that support physical health and overall well-being, while also reducing anxiety, depression and social isolation. Classes are offered at various community locations and include a variety of different classes.
Grantmaking: Food Access CSMC will continue to support nonprofit organizations through grants that work to address food insecurity and increase access to fresh, free or affordable food in underserved communities.
Healthy Habits CSMC's Healthy Habits will continue to provide education and technical assistance to support healthy eating and physical activity among school-aged children and their families. Working with communities that are historically underserved, CSMC health educators will continue to provide children and their families with the knowledge and skills needed to adopt healthy lifestyles. Healthy Habits includes an evidence-based and evaluated curriculum for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grades, summer programs and school-wide events. Healthy Habits partners with 10+ elementary schools in the Mid-City and Koreatown neighborhoods of Los Angeles.
Support Groups CSMC will continue to provide comprehensive support groups that focus on assisting individuals, families and caregivers with ongoing support in managing daily living with cancer, diabetes and other chronic conditions.

Housing Insecurity and People Experiencing Homelessness

Goal: Improve healthcare delivery to people experiencing homelessness and connect people experiencing homelessness with needed community services and resources.

Objectives/Anticipated Impacts: Increased availability and access to healthcare and community services focused on housing insecure individuals, families and communities and people experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, increased connections to community-based services to address the specific needs of these populations.

Housing Insecurity and Homelessness: Programs and Strategies
Grantmaking: Housing Insecurity and Homelessness CSMC will continue to support nonprofit homeless service providers, nonprofits supporting connections between housing and healthcare systems, and efforts to prevent and end homelessness among older adults, youth and young adults in Los Angeles County.
Healthcare in Action CSMC will continue to contract with Healthcare in Action to extend health care services beyond the walls of the medical center through an innovative street medicine approach focused on providing extra care and support to people experiencing homelessness.
Patient Navigation CSMC will continue to provide focused patient navigation for people experiencing homelessness in the emergency department. Two full-time community resource coordinators with expertise in homelessness-related resources work to support our neighbors in the most vulnerable circumstances. Additionally, all patients through the emergency department or inpatient experiencing homelessness will continue to be guided toward shelter and receive food and clothing through social work and case management services.
Recuperative Care CSMC will continue to support patients requiring additional assistance post-discharge who are experiencing homelessness and lack a place to recover. Recuperative Care facilities are designed to help care for patients and to connect them into programs, including the Coordinated Entry System (CES), so they can receive government benefits and be screened and rated to become eligible for longer-term housing solutions.

Health Needs the Hospital Will Not Address

The 2025 CHNA identified health needs that did not meet the criteria for developing and implementing a Health Focus Area. CSMC will continue to develop partnerships and seek opportunities to address community needs where we can make a meaningful contribution, including potential efforts and investments in these issue areas as a response to community need. The health needs identified in the CHNA but not included in the Health Focus Areas for this Community Benefit Plan are community safety, COVID-19, economic insecurity and environmental conditions.

Program Evaluation

CSMC's reporting process includes the collection and documentation of program measures and collaborative efforts to address health needs. An evaluation of the impact of CSMC's actions to address these significant health needs will be reported in the next scheduled CHNA.

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Appendix A: Vulnerable Populations and Broader Community – Financial Commitments

Financial Assistance & Means Tested Government Programs	Vulnerable Populations	Broader Community	Total
Traditional Charity Care	$86,042,000		$86,042,000
Medi-Cal	$178,553,000		$178,553,000
Other Means-Tested	$15,469,000		$15,469,000
Sum Financial Assistance and Means-Tested	**$280,064,000**		**$280,064,000**
Other Benefits			
Community Health Improvement	$23,962,000	$59,000	$24,021,000
Community Benefit Operations	$2,621,000	$26,000	$2,647,000
Health Professions Education	$144,534,000	$6,022,000	$150,556,000
Subsidized Health Services			
Research	$109,087,000	$4,545,000	$113,632,000
Cash and In-Kind Donations for Community Benefits	$21,994,000	$916,000	$22,910,000
Other Community Benefits	$4,115,000	$1,501,000	$5,616,000
Total Other Benefits	**$306,313,000**	**$13,069,000**	**$319,382,000**
Community Benefits Spending			
Total Community Benefits	**$586,377,000**	**$13,069,000**	**$599,446,000**
Medicare (non-IRS)	$591,245,000		$591,245,000
Total Community Benefits w/Medicare	**$1,177,622,000**	**$13,069,000**	**$1,190,691,000**

Appendix B: Vulnerable Populations and Broader Community – Programs

Medical Care Services
Charity care
Medi-Cal shortfall
Other Benefits for Vulnerable Populations
Community Benefit Operations
Healthy Habits
Memory Center Community Outreach
RCHE Outreach Events
Share & Care Program/Education
Wellness, Resilience, and Survivorship Programs
COACH for Kids & Their Families
Community Health Improvement (CHI: Screenings, Health Ed. & Services
Primary Adult Care (Ambulatory Care Clinic)
Team HEAL
Case Management – Expenses on Behalf of Patients
Community Connect Program
Community Volunteering
ED Homelessness Support
Enrollment Assistance
Healthcare in Action
Social Drivers of Health Screening, Referral and Infrastructure, FindHelp Platform
Human Trafficking Staff Training
Unreimbursed Care from Community Health Partner Referrals
Community Benefit Giving Office
Community Building Education Seminars, Classes, Conferences & Events
NextGen Career Days, Youth Employment Development Program, and all NextGen programs, Beyond the Books
Transforming Care at the Bedside
Other Benefits for the Broader Community
Diabetes Support Group
Jewish Expectant Parents Workshop
Minimally Invasive & Weight Loss Surgery Center – Support Services
Prenatal Education Program
Rehabilitation Support Group Services
Recovery Groups Room Rentals
Warehouse Donations
Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
Disaster Readiness
Holocaust Remembrance Day Program
Pre-Healthcare Volunteer Program
UGROW (Undergraduates Gaining Research Opportunities for the Cancer Workforce)
Women's Guild Simulation Center Student Tours
Health Research, Education and Training Programs
Continuing Medical Education – CME
Medical Student Rotations
Minimally Invasive Surgery Fellowship & Psych Internship Programs
Affiliate Nursing and Allied Health Program
Dietitian & Technician Internship Program and Dietetic Service Supervisor (DSS) Program
Paramedic and Pathology Internship Programs
PhD BioMedical Sciences & Translational Medicine Educ. Program
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Internship Program
Respiratory Care Services Internship Program
Social Work Field Placement Internship Program
Spiritual Care Department CPE & Internship Programs
Research: Support for over 2,000 research projects exploring roots of disease and advancing treatment

Appendix C: Community Stakeholders Engaged in Prioritizing Health Needs

Name	Title	Organization
Catherine Atack	Chief External Officer	Children's Institute, Inc.
Angelica Ayala	Senior Health Deputy	LA County Supervisor, Lindsey Horvath, District 3
Richard Ayoub	Executive Director	Project Angel Food
Tara Barauskas	Executive Director	Community Corporation of Santa Monica
Wendy Barreno	Manager, Human Services	City of West Hollywood
Sigall Cahn	Clinical & Program Director	Cancer Support Community LA
Connie Chung Joe	Chief Executive Officer	Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California
Molly Davies	President & Chief Executive Officer	WISE & Healthy Aging
Lucia Diaz	Chief Executive Officer	Mar Vista Family Center
Sue Dunlap	President & Chief Executive Officer	Planned Parenthood Los Angeles
Ali Frazzini	Sustainability Policy Director	LA County Chief Sustainability Office
Elizabeth Heger & Emily Andrade	Senior Advisor/ Principal Advisor	Los Angeles Housing Services Authority
Joe Hollendoner	Chief Executive Officer	Los Angeles LGBT Center
Andrea Iloulian	Sr. Manager System Optimization	LA County Homeless Initiative
Jan King, MD, MPH	Regional Health Officer SPA 5 and SPA 6	Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Chris Ko	Senior Director Programs & Impact	Annenberg Foundation
Alex Li, MD	Chief Equity Officer	LA Care Health Plan
Cris Libane	Chief Sustainability Officer	Los Angeles Metro Transportation Authority
John Maceri	Chief Executive Officer	The People Concern
Nick Maiorino	Chief Executive Officer	Alcott Center
Smita Malhotra	Chief Medical Officer	Los Angeles Unified School District
Angela Minniefield,	Sr. VP Advancement, Operations & COO	Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
Cynthia Mitchell-Heard & Laureen O'Hara Abeyta	President & Chief Executive Officer VP of Business Development	Los Angeles Urban League
Cristin Mondy	Regional Health Officer SPA 4	Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Lyn Morris	Chief Executive Officer	Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Center
Laura Mosqueda	Director & Professor Family Medicine & Geriatrics	USC Center for Elder Justice; Keck School of Medicine
Darci Niva	Executive Director	Westside Coalition
Muriel Nouwezem	Chief Executive Officer	Saban Community Clinic

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Mitesh Popat, MD, MPH	Chief Executive Officer	Venice Family Clinic
Jorge Reyno, MD, MHA	VP Population Health	Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital
June Simmons & Marti Ferrara	President & Chief Executive Officer Marketing Communications Officer	Partners in Care Foundation
Ryan Smith	President & Chief Executive Officer	St. Joseph Center
Nicole Steele	Health Equity Program Director	Social Justice Learning Institute
Nina Vaccaro	Chief Operating Officer	Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County
Jennifer Vanore,	President & Chief Operating Officer	UniHealth Foundation
Eli Veitzer	President & Chief Executive Officer	Jewish Family Services of Los Angeles
Rose Veniegas	Director of Health Programs	California Community Foundation
Yolanda Vera	Sr. Deputy of Health & Wellness	Officer of Supervisor, Holly Mitchell, District 2
Traute Winters	Executive Director	National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Greater Los Angeles County