

SCHEDULE H  
(Form 990)

Department of the  
Treasury  
Internal Revenue  
Service

Hospitals

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, question 20.  
► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule H (Form 990) and its instructions is at [www.irs.gov/form990](http://www.irs.gov/form990).

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Name of the organization Mercy Hospital of Buffalo	Employer identification number 16-0756336
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Part I Financial Assistance and Certain Other Community Benefits at Cost

		Yes	No	
1a	Did the organization have a financial assistance policy during the tax year? If "No," skip to question 6a	1a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," was it a written policy? . . . . .	1b	Yes	
2	If the organization had multiple hospital facilities, indicate which of the following best describes application of the financial assistance policy to its various hospital facilities during the tax year <input type="checkbox"/> Applied uniformly to all hospital facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Applied uniformly to most hospital facilities <input type="checkbox"/> Generally tailored to individual hospital facilities			
3	Answer the following based on the financial assistance eligibility criteria that applied to the largest number of the organization's patients during the tax year			
a	Did the organization use Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) as a factor in determining eligibility for providing <i>free</i> care? If "Yes," indicate which of the following was the FPG family income limit for eligibility for <i>free</i> care <input type="checkbox"/> 100% <input type="checkbox"/> 150% <input type="checkbox"/> 200% <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>11000 0000000000 %</u>	3a	Yes	
b	Did the organization use FPG as a factor in determining eligibility for providing <i>discounted</i> care? If "Yes," indicate which of the following was the family income limit for eligibility for discounted care <input type="checkbox"/> 200% <input type="checkbox"/> 250% <input type="checkbox"/> 300% <input type="checkbox"/> 350% <input type="checkbox"/> 400% <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>50000 0000000000 %</u>	3b	Yes	
c	If the organization used factors other than FPG in determining eligibility, describe in Part VI the criteria used for determining eligibility for free or discounted care. Include in the description whether the organization used an asset test or other threshold, regardless of income, as a factor in determining eligibility for free or discounted care			
4	Did the organization's financial assistance policy that applied to the largest number of its patients during the tax year provide for free or discounted care to the "medically indigent"?	4	Yes	
5a	Did the organization budget amounts for free or discounted care provided under its financial assistance policy during the tax year?	5a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization's financial assistance expenses exceed the budgeted amount?	5b	Yes	
c	If "Yes" to line 5b, as a result of budget considerations, was the organization unable to provide free or discounted care to a patient who was eligible for free or discounted care?	5c		No
6a	Did the organization prepare a community benefit report during the tax year?	6a	Yes	
b	If "Yes," did the organization make it available to the public?	6b	Yes	
Complete the following table using the worksheets provided in the Schedule H instructions. Do not submit these worksheets with the Schedule H.				

7 Financial Assistance and Certain Other Community Benefits at Cost						
Financial Assistance and Means-Tested Government Programs	(a) Number of activities or programs (optional)	(b) Persons served (optional)	(c) Total community benefit expense	(d) Direct offsetting revenue	(e) Net community benefit expense	(f) Percent of total expense
a Financial Assistance at cost (from Worksheet 1)			2,127,681	131,562	1,996,119	0 500 %
b Medicaid (from Worksheet 3, column a)			60,368,845	40,412,415	19,956,430	5 020 %
c Costs of other means-tested government programs (from Worksheet 3, column b)						
d Total Financial Assistance and Means-Tested Government Programs			62,496,526	40,543,977	21,952,549	5 520 %
Other Benefits						
e Community health improvement services and community benefit operations (from Worksheet 4)			894,523		894,523	0 230 %
f Health professions education (from Worksheet 5)			7,461,189	1,176,069	6,285,120	1 580 %
g Subsidized health services (from Worksheet 6)			23,026,111	17,122,355	5,903,756	1 490 %
h Research (from Worksheet 7)			345,889		345,889	0 090 %
i Cash and in-kind contributions for community benefit (from Worksheet 8)			557,762		557,762	0 140 %
j Total. Other Benefits			32,285,474	18,298,424	13,987,050	3 530 %
k Total. Add lines 7d and 7j			94,782,000	58,842,401	35,939,599	9 050 %

Part IICommunity Building Activities

Complete this table if the organization conducted any community building activities during the tax year, and describe in Part VI how its community building activities promoted the health of the communities it serves.

	(a) Number of activities or programs (optional)	(b) Persons served (optional)	(c) Total community building expense	(d) Direct offsetting revenue	(e) Net community building expense	(f) Percent of total expense
1	Physical improvements and housing					
2	Economic development					
3	Community support		5,227		5,227	0 %
4	Environmental improvements					
5	Leadership development and training for community members					
6	Coalition building					
7	Community health improvement advocacy					
8	Workforce development					
9	Other					
10	Total		5,227		5,227	

Part IIIBad Debt, Medicare, & Collection Practices

Section A. Bad Debt Expense

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Did the organization report bad debt expense in accordance with Healthcare Financial Management Association Statement No. 15?

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No

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Enter the amount of the organization's bad debt expense. Explain in Part VI the methodology used by the organization to estimate this amount.

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9,175,208

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Enter the estimated amount of the organization's bad debt expense attributable to patients eligible under the organization's financial assistance policy. Explain in Part VI the methodology used by the organization to estimate this amount and the rationale, if any, for including this portion of bad debt as community benefit.

3

1,372,234

4

Provide in Part VI the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes bad debt expense or the page number on which this footnote is contained in the attached financial statements.

Section B. Medicare

5

Enter total revenue received from Medicare (including DSH and IME).

5

70,035,577

6

Enter Medicare allowable costs of care relating to payments on line 5.

6

69,964,407

7

Subtract line 6 from line 5. This is the surplus (or shortfall).

7

71,170

8

Describe in Part VI the extent to which any shortfall reported in line 7 should be treated as community benefit. Also describe in Part VI the costing methodology or source used to determine the amount reported on line 6. Check the box that describes the method used.  
☐ Cost accounting system      ☐ Cost to charge ratio      ☐ Other

Section C. Collection Practices

9a

Did the organization have a written debt collection policy during the tax year?

9a

Yes

b

If "Yes," did the organization's collection policy that applied to the largest number of its patients during the tax year contain provisions on the collection practices to be followed for patients who are known to qualify for financial assistance? Describe in Part VI.

9b

Yes

Part IVManagement Companies and Joint Ventures

(owned 10% or more by officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and physicians—see instructions)

(a) Name of entity	(b) Description of primary activity of entity	(c) Organization's profit % or stock ownership %	(d) Officers, directors, trustees, or key employees' profit % or stock ownership %	(e) Physicians' profit % or stock ownership %
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