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The Community Benefit Standard Promotion of Health as a Charitable Purpose

The IRS' Community Benefit Standard is one set of criteria used to determine whether a hospital is operated in a way that accomplishes a charitable purpose.

The Colorado Health Foundation's role as partner in the HealthONE hospital system is to help ensure that the HealthONE hospitals do provide community benefit as defined by the IRS. This function, in turn, supports both the Foundation's charitable purpose and tax exempt status.

The Community Benefit Standard includes:

- Accepting patients in the emergency departments regardless of their ability to pay
- Accepting publicly-funded health care programs
- Providing charity care
- Participating in medical research and teaching programs
- Maintaining open medical staffs
- Promoting the health, welfare and wellness of the people of Denver