

Wheeling Hospital, Inc., Community Health Needs Assessment

Implementation Plan

2016

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) of 2010 imposes certain requirements on tax-exempt hospitals. These requirements amended IRS Code Section 501 by adding § 501(r). This section requires tax-exempt hospitals to perform a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) every three years and adopt an implementation strategy to meet the community's needs as identified through such assessment. The purpose of this document is to present Wheeling Hospital's implementation plan relative to its December 2016 CHNA.

The Wheeling Hospital, Inc. CHNA identified multiple areas that should be the focus for further service development in the community. The following summary presents those findings as well as the plans for implementation or, when applicable, the reasons for not implementing same.

Chronic Disease Management

Wheeling Hospital, Inc. will continue its tradition of providing outreach and education to the residents of Wheeling, WV and surrounding communities regarding the causes of chronic disease, preventative measure and treatment. Wheeling Hospital, Inc. will continue to provide diabetic and weight loss education to the community. Wheeling Hospital, Inc. will conduct health fairs to provide low cost or no cost preventive services to the population it serves.

Unhealthy Lifestyles

Wheeling Hospital, Inc. will continue to provide outreach and education for smoking cessation, proper nutrition and the importance of physical activity. The hospital will continue to assist with health and wellness programs and provide the necessary resources for those seeking healthy lifestyle through diet and exercise.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

Wheeling Hospital, Inc. will maintain its collaboration and referral network to address patients' needs with regard to addiction and abuse. The hospital will provide outreach and education to its surrounding communities. Additionally, Wheeling Hospital, Inc. will engage with local law enforcement and other community agencies in initiatives aimed at addressing the opioid epidemic that is currently ravaging the Ohio Valley.

