

BATTELLE REPORT FACT SHEET

Charitable Care and Community Benefit Impact of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in FY2011*

FY2011 Cost of Benefits Provided to Needy

Charity Care	\$61.8 million
Unpaid Portions of Medicare	\$68.1 million
Bad Debt	\$25.6 million
Total Benefit to Needy	\$155.5 million

CHARITABLE CARE & COMMUNITY BENEFIT IMPACT

Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center is a major provider of charitable care in the county and service region. Its health care mission includes providing public health and social services for the benefit of North Carolina and its communities. In FY2011, the total amount of charitable care provided was \$61.8 million, six times the average amount of charity care provided by major teaching hospitals in the U.S.

And this reflects only one part of the Medical Center's contributions to providing care for the neediest citizens. Additional community benefits provided by Wake Forest Baptist include the amount of uncompensated care. This is the unpaid proportion of Medicare, Medicaid and non-negotiated government programs which cost the Medical Center \$68.1 million in FY2011. This represents a major subsidy by Wake Forest Baptist to cover the difference in the cost of care not paid by the federal government. The government's reimbursement rates are significantly lower than private health insurers.

Wake Forest Baptist also carries a significant burden for bad debt from clinical operations. Bad debt incurred by the Medical Center totaled \$25.6 million in FY2011. This was for individuals with limited incomes who do not qualify for Medicare or Medicaid.

The combined total impact of charitable care and care for the community's benefit is \$155.5 million in FY2011. This represents a significant social safety net for North Carolina's citizens paid for by Wake Forest Baptist.

**Note this does not represent charity care or the unreimbursed medical care costs of Lexington Memorial Hospital, Davie County Hospital or our dialysis centers. These numbers are based strictly on North Carolina Baptist Hospital, including the Downtown Health Plaza, and Wake Forest University Health Sciences.*