

# Top 10 things to know about **Maryland's hospitals**

## **ONE**

Maryland's hospitals are not-for-profit organizations, governed by trustees who are local community volunteers and leaders.

## **TWO**

The ripple effect we have on Maryland's economy supports nearly 120,000 non-hospital jobs, with a total impact on economic activity across the state of \$30 billion.

## **THREE**

We provide care to all — including an estimated 363,000 uninsured Marylanders — regardless of ability to pay. Care provided for those unable to pay totaled \$757 million last year, more than \$2 million a day.

## **FOUR**

In fiscal year 2016, Maryland's hospitals provided \$1.52 billion in community benefits, including outreach services and programs aimed at specific community health needs.

## **FIVE**

Maryland's hospitals are committed to the "Triple Aim" for health care: improving the patient experience of care, improving the health of populations, and lowering per capita costs.



## SIX

Every hospital in the state has committed to a national campaign to eliminate health disparities – preventable differences in how populations, defined by race or ethnicity, gender, income and others, are affected by disease, injury, violence or access to health care.

## SEVEN

While hospitals' doors are open every day, 24/7; we also are extending our reach into communities to provide proactive, personalized care that keeps people healthy.

## EIGHT

Maryland's hospitals are many communities' top employers, directly employing 95,000 people; we provide \$7.5 billion in salaries and benefits to Marylanders and spend a total of \$14 billion for goods and services.

## NINE

In 2016, Maryland's hospitals admitted 556,272 patients, treated more than 5 million outpatients, delivered 67,242 babies, and saw nearly 2.5 million people in our emergency departments.

## TEN

Maryland has a unique, state-run hospital rate-setting system that controls hospital costs, maximizes access to care, and provides accountability to the public. Hospitals operate under fixed annual budgets to care for entire communities, helping keep health care costs in check.