

Celebrating Twenty Years: Douglas County Health Center and its Positive Economic Impacts

In February we invited you to keep reading along with us as this month we promised to talk about how Douglas County Health Center impacts our larger community.

With that, the foundation is excited to communicate several highlights of an economic impact study performed on Douglas County Health Center by Goss & Associates.

Commissioned in 2013 the study shows:

- DCHC generated more than \$76.0 million in sales and business volume for Douglas County
- It is estimated that DCHC generated \$4.2 million in state and local tax collections
- Each dollar of Douglas County taxpayer support resulted in \$6.28 in overall economic activity
- For each \$1 of Douglas County taxpayer support, DCHC generated \$1.96 in Medicare and Medicaid funding
- Approximately 263 of Douglas County's 440 industries experience impacts from DCHC operations

"Our foundation is pleased, though not surprised, to learn that Douglas County Health Center has such a positive impact on our local economy. We've known for some time that DCHC provides top-notch quality of care, this study communicates and confirms that Douglas County taxpayers receive excellent returns on their investment in the health center," said Amy Chittenden, President, Douglas County Health Center Foundation.

The triumvirate of the health center's 5-Star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid, the clearly demonstrated positive economic impacts shown in this study, and the stellar care given by employees of the health center prove that Douglas County Health Center is an integral and vital contributor to the healthy success of our community.

Please note: No taxpayer funds were used for the commissioning or payment of this study.