

**Safety Net Impact Statement**

The establishment of the Fresenius Medical Care East Aurora dialysis facility will not have any impact on safety net services in the Aurora community. Outpatient dialysis services are not typically considered "safety net" services, to the best of our knowledge. However, we do provide care for patients in the community who are economically challenged and/or who are undocumented aliens, who do not qualify for Medicare/Medicaid. We assist patients who do not have insurance in enrolling when possible in Medicaid and/or Medicaid as applicable, and also our social services department assists patients who have issues regarding transportation and/or who are wheel chair bound or have other disabilities which require assistance with respect to dialysis services and transport to and from the unit.

This particular application will not have an impact on any other safety net provider in the area, as no hospital within the area provides dialysis services on an outpatient basis.

Fresenius Medical Care is a for-profit publicly traded company and is not required to provide charity care, nor does it do so according to the Board's definition. However, Fresenius provides care to all patients regardless of their ability to pay. There are a number of patients treated by Fresenius who either do not qualify for or will not seek any type of coverage for dialysis services. These patients are considered "self-pay" patients. These patients are invoiced as all patients are invoiced, however payment is not expected and Fresenius does not initiate any collections activity on these accounts. These unpaid invoices are written off as bad debt. Fresenius notes that as a for profit entity, it does pay sales, real estate and income taxes. It also does provide community benefit by supporting various medical education activities and associations, such as the Renal Network and National Kidney Foundation.

The table below shows the amount of "self-pay" care provided for the 3 fiscal years prior to submission of the application for all Fresenius Medical Care facilities in Illinois and the amount of care provided to Medicaid patients for the three fiscal years prior to submission of the application for all Fresenius Medical Care facilities in Illinois. This includes in-center hemodialysis, peritoneal dialysis, home hemodialysis & sub-acute hemodialysis.

SAFETY NET INFORMATION			
<b>CHARITY CARE</b>			
	2007	2008	2009
Charity (# of self-pay patients)	272	307	260
Charity (self-pay) Cost	3,503,198	3,530,456	3,642,751
<b>MEDICAID</b>			
	2007	2008	2009
Medicaid (Patients)	1,403	1,626	1,783
Medicaid (Revenue)	32,418,129	37,043,006	40,401,403

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There is no other information directly relevant to safety net services.