

The New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC) was created by New York State legislation in 1970 as a public benefit corporation, governed by a Board of Directors, to oversee the New York City's public health care system in all five boroughs.

HHC, the largest municipal hospital and health care system in the country, is a \$6.3 billion public benefit corporation that serves 1.3 million New Yorkers and nearly 450,000 who are uninsured. HHC provides medical, mental health and substance abuse services through its 11 acute care hospitals, four skilled nursing facilities, six large diagnostic and treatment centers and more than 80 community based clinics. HHC Health and Home Care also provides health services at home for New Yorkers.

Through its wholly owned subsidiary, MetroPlus, HHC operates a health plan which enrolls members in Medicaid, Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus. HHC facilities treat nearly one-fifth of all general hospital discharges and more than one third of emergency room and hospital-based clinic visits in New York City.

Many of HHC's patients have limited financial means and lack health insurance. Our patients include many new immigrants with limited English proficiency and may be accessing healthcare in this country for the first time.

HHC's mission is:

- To extend equally to all New Yorkers, regardless of their ability to pay, comprehensive health services of the highest quality in an atmosphere of humane care, dignity and respect;
- To promote and protect, as both innovator and advocate, the health, welfare and safety of the people of the City of New York;
- To join with other health workers and with communities in a partnership which will enable each of our institutions to promote and protect health in its fullest sense -- the total physical, mental and social well-being of the people.

