

# 2025–2027 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY



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# The IU Health Way

## Vision ▪ Values ▪ Promise

### Our vision, values and promise

IU Health has been on a path to create a healthy culture for all. The IU Health Way describes our shared culture and how we aspire to treat each other, our patients and the communities we serve.



### About the hospital

IU Health Frankfort is a critical access hospital in Frankfort, Indiana, serving the residents of Clinton County by providing a full range of healthcare services including emergency medicine, surgery, cardiovascular care, respiratory care and a sleep lab. IU Health Frankfort is a Pathway to Excellence designated facility.

The hospital is part of IU Health, the largest and most comprehensive health system in Indiana. IU Health, in partnership with Indiana University School of Medicine, one of the nation's leading medical schools, gives patients access to leading-edge medicine and treatment options that are available first, and often only, at IU Health.

### Purpose of a hospital's implementation strategy

IU Health Frankfort presents this implementation strategy which follows the development of its 2024 community health needs assessment (CHNA). Every three years, a CHNA is conducted to understand the community served by the hospital, including its residents, their greatest health issues, health disparities and the root causes of poor health. This information is then used to inform strategies designed to improve the community's health.

The implementation strategy process is meant to align IU Health and its hospitals' programs, services and resources with goals, objectives and strategic initiatives that address significant community health needs described in the CHNA.

IU Health's process follows the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Code 501(r) requirements to conduct a CHNA every three years and adopt an implementation strategy that addresses significant community health needs as set forth by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA).

# Community definition

IU Health Frankfort defines the local community served as Clinton County, Indiana.

In 2022,

Percent of hospital inpatient cases from local community

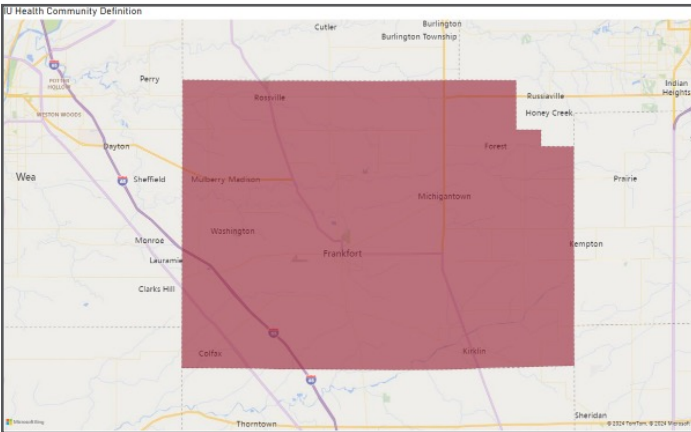
89.7%

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Estimated total population in local community

33,020

## IU Health Frankfort local community served – Clinton County



Source: Power BI and IU Health, 2024

# Development of implementation strategy

This Implementation Strategy was developed through conversations with key hospital leaders and community stakeholders within Clinton County. Hospital team members included leaders and clinicians representing multiple areas of expertise, including administration, nursing, behavioral health, maternal and infant health, pediatrics, access and opportunity, human resources, population health and community outreach. Community stakeholders included representatives from local county health departments, social service organizations, county corrections, local government officials, community health organizations, people living in recovery, youth and other health care providers.

Each year, senior leadership at IU Health Frankfort will review this implementation strategy to determine if changes should be made to better address the health needs of the community.

### Learn More

Visit the [IU Health website](#) for more information on the CHNA process, a summary of the significant community health needs, highlights of the multiple data sources that support the health needs and for a copy of the 2024 IU Health Frankfort CHNA.

# Community health needs identified

The 2025 – 2027 implementation strategy was developed by IU Health Frankfort in response to the prioritized community health needs in the 2024 CHNA. The CHNA process was informed by multiple data sources gathered in January through June of 2024. Demographic, health condition, health behavior and social determinants of health data; findings from other community health assessments of the hospital's local community; and input from individuals and organizations who participated in the community input process were analyzed and reviewed to assess the health of the community. Health disparities were highlighted across the different data sources too.

Many health needs were identified in the 2024 CHNA with much input from individuals and organizations in the local

community, including ways to address these needs. The Hanlon Method was used to prioritize health needs in the community. This evidence-based technique takes the community health needs and rates them against specific criteria and other factors, identifying issues with the highest scores.

The final list of significant community health needs in the 2024 CHNA are listed below, in alphabetical order. It is not surprising that many, if not all of them, are the same from the 2021 CHNA. These health needs and social determinants of health (i.e., conditions in the environment where people are born, live, learn, work, play, worship and age that impact health) are complex and often connected to one another. Sustained community collaborations and resources as well as comprehensive interventions (i.e., program-to-policy approaches) over longer periods of time will be vital to see changes in health outcomes and health disparities in the local community served by the hospital.

Community health needs hospital will address (in calendar years 2025 –2027)
Access to healthcare services
Aging population and needs of older adults
Behavioral health (mental health and substance use)
Chronic disease prevention and management
Maternal and infant health and child well-being
Smoking, vaping and tobacco use
Social determinants of health
Community health needs hospital will not address
All community health needs identified in the 2024 CHNA will be addressed.

# Community health needs hospital will address

## Community health need: Access to healthcare services

Goal: Increase equitable access to affordable and quality healthcare services.			
<b>Objective</b> (by December 31, 2027): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Increase the number of people who receive clinical and community-based preventive services, especially in geographic areas where resources are limited and for groups experiencing health disparities.</li> <li>■ Increase the number of people who have health insurance and can access payment assistance for healthcare services.</li> <li>■ Increase the development of a skilled and diverse healthcare workforce.</li> </ul>			
Strategic initiative*	Performance indicator	Internal and external partners	Hospital resources
Provide mobile, home or community-based services that provide education, referrals and prevention services (e.g., screenings and vaccines) outside traditional medical settings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Number of services provided</li> <li>■ Number of events where services are provided</li> <li>■ Types of community collaborations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Learning Network</li> <li>■ IU Health – Healthy Communities department and clinical staff</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$8,000 annually.**
Assist people with enrollment in healthcare coverage programs, drug assistance programs and other services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Number of people referred for IU Health financial assistance</li> <li>■ Training and certification requirements maintained by IU Health financial counselors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Indiana state agencies</li> <li>■ Local social service agencies</li> <li>■ IU Health financial counselors</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and the expense of certifications and training.**
Collaborate with local educational institutions for healthcare specific workforce development initiatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Various local schools</li> <li>■ IU Health Human Resources</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time.**
Provide specialized medical-forensic services to victims/survivors of crime through Center of Hope.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Center of Hope through IU Health Frankfort</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and clinic space.**
Provide funding and medical services to local programs and community health centers to increase access to healthcare services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Number of screenings</li> <li>■ Cost of services provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Learning Network</li> <li>■ Open Door Clinic</li> <li>■ IU Health Frankfort Laboratory Services</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$411,500 annually.**

\*A strategic initiative listed above may impact more than one community health need.

\*\*The budget for this strategy is an estimate and should be regarded as such.



## Community health need: Aging population and the needs of older adults

Goal: Promote the health and well-being of older adults through the aging process.			
<b>Objective</b> (by December 31, 2027): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Increase the number of older adults who receive clinical and community-based healthcare services, especially in geographic areas where resources are limited and for older adults experiencing health disparities.</li> <li>■ Increase the number of older adults who can access social services in the community.</li> </ul>			
Strategic initiative*	Performance indicator	Internal and external partners	Hospital resources
Provide funding to support local programming for older adults.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Types of services expanded because of funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Food Finders Food Bank</li> <li>■ Healthy Communities of Clinton County Coalition</li> <li>■ Paul Phillippe Resource Center</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$5,000 annually (regional impact). **
Provide health promotion activities (e.g., Stepping On classes, fall risk assessments and screenings) in the community for older adults.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Number of events</li> <li>■ Number of health touches</li> <li>■ Number of follow-up referrals</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Healthy Communities of Clinton County Coalition</li> <li>■ IU Health Trauma Coordinator and clinical staff</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$2,000 annually. Additional resources include staff time and screening supplies. **
Participate in community health and wellness events that target older adults.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Number of events attended</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ WILO Senior Fair</li> <li>■ Paul Phillippe Resource Center</li> <li>■ IU Health Pharmacy, Nursing and Healthy Communities department</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$3,000 annually. **
Provide employee service opportunities through IU Health Serves to benefit older adults.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Number of service projects completed</li> <li>■ Number of volunteer hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Community-based organizations</li> <li>■ IU Health – Healthy Communities department and team members</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and funding. **

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## Community health need: Behavioral health (mental health and substance use)

**Goal: Increase equitable access to affordable and quality behavioral health services.**

**Objective** (by December 31, 2027):

- Increase the number of people who receive behavioral health services, especially in geographic areas where resources are limited and for groups experiencing health disparities.
- Increase the integration of behavioral health with other healthcare services.

Strategic initiative*	Performance indicator	Internal and external partners	Hospital resources
Provide virtual behavioral health services to increase access to mental health services and professionals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Types of services offered</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ IU Health Virtual Behavioral Health and primary care practices</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and equipment (system impact).**
Provide the Integrated Social Work Initiative in IU Health clinical settings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of encounters</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ IU Health Virtual Care</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and equipment (system impact).**
Continue recruiting more psychiatrist and psychiatric mental health nurse practitioners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of providers recruited</li> <li>■ Number of patients served</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ IU Health Human Resources and Provider Recruitment</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and provider incentives.**
Provide funding support to local behavioral health programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Mental Health America – Wabash Valley Region</li> <li>■ National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) – West Central Indiana</li> <li>■ Healthy Communities of Clinton County Coalition</li> <li>■ North Central Health Services</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$20,000 annually (regional impact).**
Participate in community behavioral health promotion and prevention activities with a focus on reducing stigma and poor behavioral health outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Number of events attended</li> <li>■ Number of cases reviewed</li> <li>■ Implementation of initiatives in response to cases reviewed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Mental Health America – Wabash Valley Region</li> <li>■ NAMI – West Central Indiana</li> <li>■ Healthy Communities of Clinton County Coalition</li> <li>■ Partners for Drug Free Clinton County</li> <li>■ IU Health – Healthy Communities department, Marketing, Administrators, Nursing and team members</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$10,000 annually (regional impact). Additional resources include staff time and supplies.**
Offer medication disposal boxes at hospital pharmacy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of disposals</li> <li>■ Amount of disposed medications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ IU Health Pharmacy</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and the disposal expense.**

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## Community health need: Chronic disease prevention and management

**Goal: Reduce the burden of chronic disease and improve quality of life for people who have, or are at risk for, chronic disease.**

**Objective** (by December 31, 2027):

- Increase the number of people who have access to chronic disease screening, referral and disease management services, especially in geographic areas where resources are limited and for groups experiencing health disparities.
- Increase people's ability to monitor and manage their chronic disease.

Strategic initiative*	Performance indicator	Internal and external partners	Hospital resources
Provide funding to community-based organizations' initiatives that align with chronic disease prevention and management.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Types of services expanded because of funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Healthy Communities of Clinton County Coalition</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$1,000 annually.**
Provide chronic disease management programming including health education, screenings and referrals in the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Number of health touches</li> <li>■ Number of scans completed</li> <li>■ Number of referrals for follow-up care</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Community-based organizations</li> <li>■ IU Health – Healthy Communities department, Nutrition Educators and clinical staff</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and supplies.**

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## Community health need: Maternal and infant health and child well-being

**Goal: Promote and protect the health and well-being of all mothers, infants and children.**

**Objective** (by December 31, 2027):

- Increase the number of people who receive maternal health services, especially in geographic areas where resources are limited and for groups experiencing health disparities.
- Increase support service programming for expectant mothers, new parents/caretakers and families.

Strategic initiative*	Performance indicator	Internal and external partners	Hospital resources
Provide funding to local organizations for mother/baby and child safety programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Equipment donated</li> <li>■ Types of services expanded because of funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Healthy Communities of Clinton County Coalition</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$1,000 annually.**
Offer education and screenings to under resourced pregnant women and new mothers at local community baby showers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Local health departments</li> <li>■ Healthy Communities of Clinton County Coalition</li> <li>■ IU Health team members</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$250 annually. Additional resources include staff time.**
Support local youth summer workshops that provide youth with opportunities for physical activity and exposure to healthcare careers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The Learning Network</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$750 annually.**
Provide safety, health and injury prevention programs and services to expectant mothers and parents/caretakers of infants and children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of car seat safety inspections</li> <li>■ Number of car seats distributed</li> <li>■ Number of helmets distributed</li> <li>■ Number of events attended</li> <li>■ Number of Pack and Plays distributed</li> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Number of courses offered</li> <li>■ Number of oral hygiene kits distributed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Frankfort Rotary</li> <li>■ Healthy Communities of Clinton County Coalition</li> <li>■ IU Health Mother/Baby, Pediatrics and Trauma Services</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time, supplies and meeting space.**
Provide employee service opportunities through IU Health Serves to benefit women and children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Number of projects completed</li> <li>■ Number of volunteer hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Community-based organizations</li> <li>■ IU Health – Healthy Communities department and team members</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and funding.**

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## Community health need: Smoking, vaping and tobacco use

Goal: Reduce disease, disability and death amongst people related to tobacco use or exposure to secondhand smoke.			
<b>Objective</b> (by December 31, 2027): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Increase access to clinical screening and treatment in the healthcare setting for patients who use tobacco products, especially for those experiencing health disparities.</li> <li>■ Increase tobacco prevention and cessation interventions for youth or adults in the community.</li> </ul>			
Strategic initiative*	Performance indicator	Internal and external partners	Hospital resources
Provide free tobacco cessation programming to support patients' desire to quit tobacco use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of referrals</li> <li>■ Number of patients participating in programs</li> <li>■ Number of patients completing programming</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ IU Health – Healthy Communities department and clinical staff</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time (system impact).**
Provide prevention and cessation education for local organizations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people participating in classes</li> <li>■ Number of people to finish classes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Healthy Communities of Clinton County Coalition</li> <li>■ Local recovery organizations</li> <li>■ IU Health Cardiopulmonary department</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and supplies.**
Distribute cessation kits in the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of kits distributed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Healthy Communities of Clinton County Coalition</li> <li>■ Various community-based organizations</li> <li>■ IU Health Cardiopulmonary department</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and supplies.**

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## Community health need: Social determinants of health (SDOH)

**Goal: Reduce the burden of social and economic barriers keeping people from achieving their full potential for health and well-being.**

**Objective** (by December 31, 2027):

- Increase engagement with community-based organizations and leaders to support initiatives that address key social and environmental factors impacting health.
- Increase screening and referral opportunities for patients and community members to identify and address underlying social needs that impact health.

Strategic initiative*	Performance indicator	Internal and external partners	Hospital resources
Implement multi-partner community collaborations and interventions through the IU Health Community Impact Investment Fund (CII).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of applications</li> <li>■ Number of awards</li> <li>■ Number of people served by initiative</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Mental Health America – Wabash Valley Region</li> <li>■ United Way of Clinton County</li> <li>■ IU Health – Healthy Communities department, Foundation and team members</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time.**
Engage patients in varied clinical settings to assess social needs and refer to resources.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people screened for social needs</li> <li>■ Number of people referred to community services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Community-based organizations</li> <li>■ IU Health – Healthy Communities department, primary care practices and other team members</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include contracted services with Twistle platform and staff time (system impact).**
Promote findhelp.org to ensure patients and community members can find free and reduced-cost programs to meet their social needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of users</li> <li>■ Number of searches</li> <li>■ Types of services sought by users</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Local food pantries</li> <li>■ Local community health centers</li> <li>■ IU Health – Healthy Communities department</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$67,000 annually (system impact). Additional resources include staff time.**
Provide funding to community-based organizations that address social determinants of health.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Number of people connected to local resources</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Food Finders Food Bank</li> <li>■ Habitat for Humanity</li> <li>■ Healthy Communities of Clinton County Coalition</li> <li>■ Paul Phillippe Resource Center</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: \$15,000 annually.**
Plant and manage community gardens on hospital grounds to support healthy food access in the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Various IU Health departments</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and supplies.**
Provide employee service opportunities through IU Health Serves to address the social needs of community members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Number of people served</li> <li>■ Number of projects</li> <li>■ Number of volunteer hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Community-based organizations</li> <li>■ IU Health – Healthy Communities department and team members</li> </ul>	Estimated budget: Additional resources include staff time and funding.**

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## Community health needs hospital will not address

IU Health Frankfort will address all the community health needs identified in the 2024 community health needs assessment.

## Tracking progress and community benefit

Every year, from 2025 to 2027, IU Health Frankfort will report its progress on the above strategic initiatives on the Internal Revenue Services (IRS) Schedule H (Form 990) along with community benefit spending on financial assistance, unreimbursed Medicaid, other community

benefit and community building activities. Visit the [Indiana Department of Health](#) website to view this form.

IU Health also publishes a yearly report that highlights community benefit spending by the healthcare system and its hospitals, including IU Health Frankfort. Visit the [IU Health website](#) to view the report.

### Contact us

IU Health values what matters to our patients and the communities we serve. We welcome your comments, questions and feedback on this implementation strategy. Written comments can be sent to [communitybenefit@iuhealth.org](mailto:communitybenefit@iuhealth.org).

