Our Purpose

DHC, along with our partners and thousands of volunteers, opens doors to healthcare for low-income families, creating innovative programs that connect patients to high quality care. We believe our entire community thrives when everyone is healthy enough to work and care for their families, and our partners make that vision possible.

Service Area

Our partnership with the DuPage Health Coalition is vital in helping Edward-Elmhurst Health achieve our mission — specifically for vulnerable residents of our service area. The Coalition’s programs allow us to provide DuPage County residents with desperately needed services — healthcare for low income or uninsured families, help with paying insurance premiums to reduce financial barriers and the provision of medications to those who wouldn’t otherwise be able to afford it. This is such important work.

— Mary Lou Mastro, System CEO, Edward-Elmhurst Health
Healthcare for the uninsured.

- All AD members have a primary care home – the foundation to good health
- Members see primary care doctor 3 times per year – 2x the national average
- Comprehensive services provided at a direct cost to DHC of $392 per client
- AD program costs include primary and specialty care coordination, pharmacy, navigation, and enrollment management
- 56,000 patients enrolled since 2002 with 4,859 served in FY19
- 2,252 referrals to specialists in FY19
- Participation from thousands of volunteer physicians from every major health system
- Representing the working poor – with 91% of households with at least one working adult and an average income of $26,124 for a family of four
- AD clients use the emergency room 36% less than their uninsured peers – the care we deliver is efficient and effective
- Last year AD provided 26,614 prescriptions through our pharmacy benefit

As an Emergency Physician and DHC Board member, I strongly support the mission of the DuPage Health Coalition. While all people in America have access to medical care for emergencies, it is access to PREVENTATIVE primary care to avoid those emergencies that is so needed. The DHC is committed to arranging access to preventative care which improves the health status of individuals and can lower the overall cost of health care in DuPage County to benefit all residents. This is a Win-Win program which is worthy of wide-spread support.

– Donald Steiner, M.D.

Premium assistance for low income ACA marketplace participants, securing high quality health insurance with lower out of pocket costs.

- 1 in 5 earning an annual income at or below the poverty line
- Served 793 in FY19 and 1,800 since programs’ inception
- Average annual premium is $1,096; Members pay 22%, DHC pays 78%
- 89% of SA members completed a Health Literacy Workshop in 2019

A free pharmacy for uninsured.

- 262 different medications available at no charge to patients
- An average of 236 prescriptions filled every month
- In FY19 supplied 2,815 medications with a total donated valued of $202,781 to 1,028 patients