

Taking care of  
**you**  
& the place  
we call home.

## MERIT HEALTH 2025 Community Benefit Report



**410,000**  
Patient Encounters



**\$271 million**  
Uncompensated Care



**\$28 million**  
Capital Investments



**\$141 million**  
Payroll



**\$31 million**  
Taxes Paid



Merit Health Central, Jackson, MS



Merit Health Rankin, Brandon, MS



Merit Health River Oaks, Flowood, MS



Merit Health Woman's Hospital, Flowood, MS

Overall Community Benefit

**\$495 million**

Volume and dollar amounts are approximate.  
Overall Benefit includes charitable contributions and dollars spent locally.

*Providing safe, quality healthcare services  
to our community is rewarding work.  
We are grateful for the trust every patient places in us.*



# 2025 Highlights



## ● PATIENT CARE

In 2025, the Jackson-area Merit Health hospitals delivered on their commitment to provide quality healthcare at more than 410,000 patient encounters across its four hospitals and other sites of care.

## ● UNCOMPENSATED CARE

We provided more than \$271 million in charity and uncompensated care for the community's most vulnerable and have resources to help them secure medications and medical support devices.

## ● QUALITY EMERGENCY CARE

The Emergency Departments at Merit Health Central, Merit Health Rankin and Merit Health River Oaks treated over 89,000 patients, including 2,000 transfers from neighboring regions. As an accredited chest pain and primary stroke center, Merit Health River Oaks provides effective care benchmarked against national standards.

## ● EXPANDING WOMEN'S SERVICES

In 2025, Merit Health River Oaks delivered more than 2,000 babies, representing an increase of 41% over the previous year, due, in part, to a renovation in Labor & Delivery services. Merit Health River Oaks also cared for more than 230 neonatal intensive care unit babies (NICU) during 2025, surpassing a hospital record and the previous year by 49%, underscoring the advanced level of care available for the region's most vulnerable newborns. Merit Health Central and Merit Health Woman's Hospital performed over 11,500 mammograms in 2025, a 4% increase over the previous year, demonstrating continued growth in preventive screening services and our commitment to early detection of breast cancer in our community.

## ● ADVANCING CARDIOLOGY SERVICES

Merit Health River Oaks works with UMMC cardiovascular specialists, Jackson Pulmonary Associates and dedicated nocturnists to provide Rankin County's most comprehensive heart care. Offering advanced diagnostics, interventional procedures and open-heart surgery, we accept referrals from outlying facilities to help patients receive care close to home. Heart screenings across the market increased 17% in 2025.

## ● QUALITY CANCER SERVICES

Merit Health Woman's Hospital is Mississippi's only hospital offering single-dose intraoperative radiotherapy (IORT) for breast cancer. In 2025, we treated more than 90 early-stage patients with this targeted procedure, helping to reduce treatment time and enhancing quality of life.

## ● ADDRESSING SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Through financial donations and acts of service, we support local charitable and community organizations, including the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society. Our third annual Jars of Love drive collected more than 4,900 jars of peanut and other nut butters for the Mississippi Food Network.

## SERVICES



4 Hospitals



16 Physician Clinics