# WHY MEDICARE BACKSTOP MATTERS TO SENIORS

## SINCE 1966, THE BACKSTOP

has been an essential part of America's promise to seniors



## THE BACKSTOP

contributes to a healthy community hospital




EMPLOY 5.5 MILLION PEOPLE



10,136 BABIES DELIVERED PER DAY



CARE 24/7/365



353,424 EMERGENCY PATIENTS TREATED PER DAY



CHAMPIONS OF QUALITY CARE

**$46B**

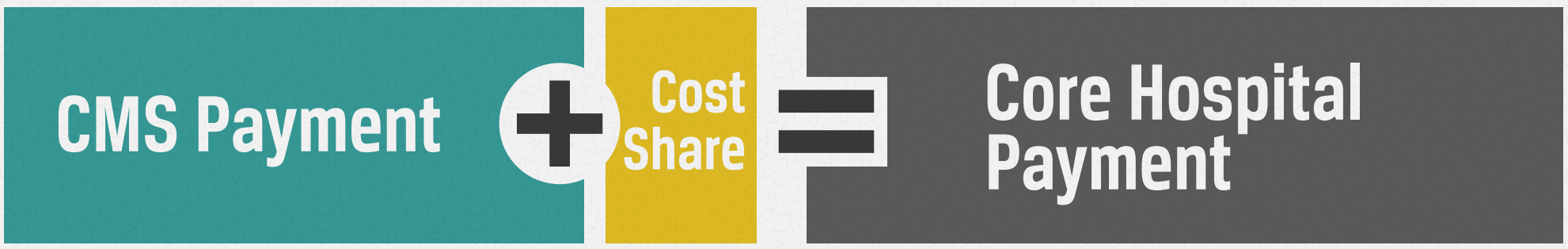
PROVIDE $46 BILLION IN UNCOMPENSATED CARE



BRING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

# HOSPITAL CORE PAYMENT: HOW IT WORKS

**CMS PAYMENT** & **COST-SHARE** amounts are fixed.




**BACKSTOP** (bad debt) is needed to protect low-income seniors unable to meet their Medicare **COST-SHARING** obligations.

# BACKSTOP: HOW IT WORKS

When a **BENEFICIARY** is unable to pay her cost-sharing amount, the **BACKSTOP** system takes over.






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