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ASSOCIATION

California Hospital Association

Leadership in Health Policy and Advocacy

The California Hospital Association is the statewide association of hospitals and health systems, serving more than 400 members.

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Hospitals and health systems benefit from membership in both CHA and the Regional Associations

(Hospital Council of Northern and Central California, Hospital Association of Southern California or Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties). The Associations shape policies through a unified voice on health care issues important to California hospitals and patients. In addition, the Associations — with the Hospital Quality Institute — provide educational programs and operational support to members to improve quality and patient safety.

Representation and Advocacy

Washington, D.C. — CHA develops and influences federal legislation and regulations, working with the American Hospital Association and other organizations to form national policies and strategies on important health care issues.

Statewide — With grassroots support from the Regional Associations and key constituency groups, CHA lobbies the Legislature and maintains close working relationships with state agency officials and regulators.

Digital Arena — CHA sponsors *Our Health California*SM, a growing and influential digital community of more than 800,000 supporters that engages in top public health and legislative issues, ballot measures and health promotion.

Political Action Committee — In advocating for responsible health care policies, CHA administers the California Hospital Association Political Action Committee (CHPAC) to support local, state and federal candidates.

Innovation in Quality Performance

CHA and the Regional Associations created the Hospital Quality Institute (HQI) in 2013 to advance patient safety and quality improvement, and to position California as a national leader in quality performance. HQI initiatives include:

- Building and sustaining measures to gauge California hospitals' performance
- Identifying opportunities for focus and improvement
- Coordinating and overseeing *Patient Safety First*, the California Hospital Engagement Network 2.0, CHPSO, the Hospital Quality Committee and the Healthcare Acquired Infection Workgroup

Members-Only Access to Legislative, Regulatory, Financial and Legal Expertise

On-Call Consultations — CHA staff serve as on-call experts on a variety of issues, as well as a link to state agencies and their staff, assisting with problem-solving and direct communications.

Reimbursement Data and Modeling — CHA DataSuite provides sophisticated modeling of revenue data, helping hospitals analyze federal and state policy changes for budgeting, forecasting and decision-making.

Legal Expertise — CHA's legal department advocates vigorously before the courts on behalf of California hospitals and provides information to hospitals.

Education and Professional Development — CHA's webinars, conferences and seminars help members understand changing regulations on topics such as compliance, patient privacy, reimbursement and more.

Timely News and Information — CHA's daily e-newsletter briefs members on key policy issues, legislation, regulations and legal developments. The CHA website offers extended analyses and additional members-only resources.

Guidebooks and Legal Manuals — CHA publishes legal and compliance manuals to help hospitals understand and comply with health care law.

Cost-Saving Insurance — CHA offers health care employers a risk-sharing trust program and fee-for-service management of unemployment insurance claims and appeals, providing substantial savings to participating members.

For every \$1 of dues paid each year, CHA returns hundreds of dollars of value to hospitals and health systems statewide.

CHA Represents All Types of Hospitals

10 Veterans Affairs and Naval Hospital
10 Children's
51 Health Systems

20 City/County Owned
37 District Owned
106 Investor Owned

7 University of California
213 Nonprofit

Leadership Opportunities

A member-led board of trustees, representing all types of hospitals and health systems, helps implement CHA's mission and develop public policy positions. Members also provide guidance on health care policies and issues through CHA's specific policy centers, committees and councils, including:

- California Alliance of Hospital-Physician Organizations
- Center for Behavioral Health
- Center for Hospital Medical Executives
- Center for Post-Acute Care
- Governance Forum
- Rural Healthcare Center
- Advocacy Communications Committee
- California Integrated Systems Council
- Case Management Committee
- Certification & Licensing Committee
- Chief Financial Officer Committee
- CNO Advisory Committee
- Committee on Volunteer Services and Directors' Coordinating Council
- Community Benefits Committee
- Council of Independent Hospitals
- Emergency Management Advisory Committee
- EMS/Trauma Committee
- Healthcare Laboratory Workforce Initiative Advisory Group
- Hospital-Based Outpatient Clinics Workgroup
- Human Resources Committee
- Institute of Not-for-Profit Hospitals and Health Systems
- Managed Care Committee
- Medication Safety Committee
- Payer Relations Committee
- Workforce Committee

More information about CHA's policy centers and committees is available at www.calhospital.org/centers-committees.

CHA-Related Organizations

Several related organizations carry out specific programs for CHA, such as a charitable organization that manages grant-funded programs supporting health care research. For more information, visit www.calhospital.org/related-organizations.

CHA Policymaking Structure

CHA's Board of Trustees shares a common set of public policy priorities with the Regional Associations. Together, and with input from hospitals and other key stakeholders, they establish the organization's policy direction.



Regional Associations

Hospital Council of Northern and Central California
 Hospital Association of Southern California
 Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties

Policymaking Groups

Policy Centers, Councils, Committees, Task Forces, and Workgroups

Advocacy Partners

Stakeholder groups representing specific types of hospitals and segments of health care delivery

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CHA's Vision

An optimally health society.

CHA's Mission

Through effective leadership and member participation, CHA seeks to develop consensus, establish public policy priorities, and represent and serve hospitals and health systems. In concert with its member organizations, CHA is committed to establishing and maintaining a financial and regulatory environment within which hospitals can continue to provide high-quality patient care.

CHA's Goal

CHA's goal is for every Californian to have equitable access to affordable, safe, high-quality, medically necessary health care. Only through high ideals and practical, progressive steps can the health status of Californians be improved. This challenge must be shared by all stakeholders, including individuals, employers, health care providers, payers and government.



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