California Has Health Care Covered

A proud history of health care innovation and leadership
There’s No Place Like California

With nearly 40 million residents from culturally diverse backgrounds, our state is also geographically complex and boasts one of the largest economies in the world. These characteristics spur innovations that are successfully transforming how health care is delivered and financed.

Leading the Nation in Health Care Transformation

California hospitals have been innovating health care delivery for decades. Some hospitals have provided leadership in coordinated care, and others have developed integrated delivery models recognized nationwide for providing high-value patient care while managing cost. Telemedicine and eHealth services have been created, strengthening access to care in remote areas and for patients in need of specialized services. Our experience in the evolution of health care delivery positions California as a leader in providing accessible, high-value care.

California’s Health Care Delivery Models — Our Foundation for Success

Long before the Affordable Care Act, California’s health care leaders built a strong foundation for innovation and excellence as they developed health care delivery models that focused on improving quality, increasing access and lowering costs.
California hospitals are committed to improving the quality and safety of patient care. Through the leadership of the Hospital Quality Institute, California hospitals have:

- Reduced readmission rates for a savings of $3.6 million
- Outperformed national baselines in reducing six of eight hospital-acquired infections
- Reduced early elective newborn deliveries by 47 percent and obstetrical trauma by 23 percent
- Outperformed national 30-day mortality rates for stroke, coronary artery bypass grafting, heart attacks, heart failure and pneumonia

2. Hospital Quality Institute, By the Numbers Report, April 2017
3. United States Census Bureau, Supplemental Poverty Measure
4. California Health Care Foundation, Facts and Figures on the ACA in California: What We've Gained and What We Stand to Lose, November 2016
5. AHA Hospital Statistics, 2016, American Hospital Association
6. Compiled using IMPLAN multipliers and 2015 Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development data; includes direct economic impact and ripple effect

### Providing Coverage for Those in Need

While home to many of the nation’s wealthy, California also has the highest poverty rate. With 23 percent living in poverty, nearly 14 million of the state’s residents are enrolled Medi-Cal. In the last few years, the number of Californians with health care coverage has grown to 91 percent. Now, our residents can receive the care they need, including preventive and primary services, in cost-efficient settings.

![Percentage of Californians that have health care coverage](image)

### Innovating to Improve Care and Lower Costs

California hospitals consistently perform better than the national average. Our innovations in technology, care delivery and clinical efficiencies mean patients recover quicker and return home sooner. Other efficiencies, such as reducing waste and over-utilization, result in lower health care costs. Key community health indicators below demonstrate California’s ability to deliver appropriate care for its residents:

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California’s health care costs are lower than the U.S. average.

### Strengthening California’s Economy

As part of the sixth largest economy in the world, California’s hospitals play a big part in the state’s economic engine. Often the largest employers in their communities, hospitals provide well-paying jobs to nurses, doctors, health professionals and others. The direct and ripple effects of employing individuals and purchasing goods and services fuel the state’s economy by hundreds of billions of dollars each year.

![Economic indicators](image)

- **$84B**: Salaries and Benefits
- **$145B**: Economic Output in Goods/Services
- **$229B**: Total Contribution to California

Nearly 1 million jobs result from hospital employment.
California Hospital Association
The statewide leader representing the interests of California’s hospitals and health systems. Proudly representing:

400+ hospitals and health systems | 97% of California hospital beds

California’s hospitals provide medically necessary care to all Californians — regardless of insurance coverage, ability to pay or citizenship status.

Our doors are always open.

Every year, California hospitals:
- Deliver 500,000 babies.
- Receive 48 million outpatient visits.
- Treat 15 million patients in the ER.
- Provide nearly 1 million jobs for California’s economic growth.
- Train 22,000 new physicians and nurses.
- Provide more than $15 billion in uncompensated health care services.