The Financial Value of Your Dues

We are proud to share with you a year’s worth of major accomplishments on behalf of California hospitals and health systems. The hospital associations represent more than 400 California hospitals, and we have a far more powerful presence in Washington, D.C., Sacramento and locally than any single hospital or system could have on its own.

With your support, we have helped to shape policy with a unified voice in the conversations affecting California hospitals and patients. Among the tangible results illustrated here, you will find our commitment to promoting the right solutions to the most relevant issues facing hospitals this year. For every $1 of dues you paid in 2018, we generated $500 of value for hospitals and health systems statewide.

Your participation in the associations has never been more important. Thank you for your continued support.

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2018 Hospital Fee Program
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Protection of hospitals’ interests

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