

# HEALTH CARE COUNCIL



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The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce believes in **“A Thriving Region for All”** and a **“Balanced Approach”** to decision-making and that **“Business is a Force for Good.”**

We design and advance opportunities and solutions for a thriving regional economy that is balanced, inclusive, and globally competitive.

## HEALTH CARE

The Health Care Council of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce is a leader in providing the business perspective on key health care issues in the region. The Chamber is a leading, forward-minded voice for addressing health care access for all Californians and celebrates the state’s recent historic achievement to qualify adults 26 to 49 for full-scope MediCal, regardless of immigration status.

The Chamber recognizes the health care industry is vital not only to the well-being of our residents, but to our businesses, workforce, and economy. Chamber members represent leading hospital systems, health plans, life sciences, medical devices, technology, and other health care market participants. These organizations also offer opportunities for investment in the region. As an important economic driver, the Chamber recognizes that health care is the largest employment sector in the region with career opportunities for people of all backgrounds, educational attainment, and skill sets. There are nearly 600,000 health care jobs in the Los Angeles region with additional jobs in the bioscience industry.

The Chamber is closely monitoring and engaging in national, state, and local proposals which impact the sustainability of the health care system to increase affordability, expand access to coverage and quality care, provide employee well-being and workplace safety investments, and create new avenues for workforce development. The Chamber will support efforts to sustain the region’s health care system through advocacy steeped in an understanding of the wide breadth of issues impacting the system and communities.

### Increased Health Care Accessibility and Affordability

- Support and preserve access to health care and increase state and federal reimbursement rates to fund patient care.
- Increase accessibility to preventive care, wellness programs, mental health services, and substance use treatment.
- Encourage coordinated response and planning for future public health emergencies.

### Workforce Development

- Expand diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in educational programs, new forms of skill credentialing, and career change pathways to increase regional demographic representation, cultural competency, and emerging workforce demands.
- Support efforts and investments to enhance the training pipeline and to retain the existing workforce.
- Advocate for regional industry development initiatives in life sciences and competitive drug research.



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