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## Health Care Council Meeting June 1, 2018 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

1. **Welcome and Self-Introductions**
2. **Achieving Affordability and Increased Access in Our Health Care System**  
*John Baackes, CEO*  
*L.A. Care Health Plan*
3. **Q&A with John Baackes**
4. **Action Item**
  - Children's Hospital Bond Act of 2018
5. **Updates**
  - Wrap up of Access Sacramento
  - Update on bills on advocacy agenda

***\*\*Thanks to Pacific Federal for once again providing our breakfast!\*\****

**Next Council Meeting**  
July 6, 2018 | 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.



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**John Baackes**  
Chief Executive Officer  
L.A. Care Health Plan

John Baackes is Chief Executive Officer of L.A. Care Health Plan, the nation's largest publicly operated health plan serving over two million members. L.A. Care is dedicated to providing access to quality and affordable health care for Los Angeles County residents through a variety of health coverage programs, including Medicaid, L.A. Care Covered™ (California Health Benefit Exchange), L.A. Care Cal MediConnect Plan, and PASC-SEIU Homecare Workers Health Care Plan.

Mr. Baackes works collaboratively with the Board of Governors to set the organization's strategic vision and ensure its successful implementation. He also oversees the day-to-day operations, while guiding L.A. Care through the ever-evolving health care landscape. Additionally, he is responsible for maintaining the integrity, quality and accountability of the health services L.A. Care provides to its members.

Mr. Baackes brings more than 40 years of health care experience. Before joining L.A. Care, he served as president of Philadelphia-based AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Plans where he oversaw the Medicare Advantage business unit. Prior to that position, Mr. Baackes was CEO of Senior Whole Health in Cambridge, MA, a voluntary health care plan for more than 10,000 low-income seniors in Massachusetts and New York.

He currently serves on the boards of America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP), Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA), California Association of Health Plans (CAHP), and Local Health Plans of California (LHPC).

Throughout his career, Mr. Baackes has served in a number of executive leadership roles across the health care industry, including Senior Vice President for Group Health Incorporated in Albany, NY; President of Kaiser Permanente's Northeast Division in Latham, NY; and CEO of Community Health Plan, also in Latham. He is also a trustee at Southern Vermont College.

Mr. Baackes holds a bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and is a native of Evanston, IL.

## **About The Children's Hospital Bond Act Of 2018**

California's 13 regional Children's Hospitals provide specialized care to treat children and young adults up to age 21 who are suffering from serious and life-threatening diseases such as leukemia, sickle cell disease, cancer, and cystic fibrosis. The hospitals handle more than 1 million visits each year, including from some of the state's lowest-income children, regardless of their family's income or ability to pay. The Children's Hospital Bond of 2018 provides \$1.5 billion over 15 years to support this critical, life-saving care.

### ***Children's Hospitals save lives.***

- California's Children's Hospitals perform 97 percent of all pediatric organ transplants and 96 percent of all pediatric heart surgeries, and conduct 76 percent of all pediatric cancer treatments.
- Children's Hospitals are premier pediatric research centers making leading-edge biomedical discoveries that benefit all kids.
- These advances in medical research and technology are producing dramatic results. Today, 85 percent of children diagnosed with leukemia are cured.

### ***The Children's Hospital Bond of 2018 will mean higher-quality care for more kids.***

- This bond will allow Children's Hospitals to expand, upgrade and improve their facilities and reach, meaning more kids will have access to the specialized, life-saving care they need.
- The bond also helps Children's Hospitals acquire the latest technology and life-saving medical equipment, giving doctors the tools to save more children's lives.

### ***This bond makes fiscal sense.***

- Children's Hospitals have a track record of spending bond money wisely. Funds from previous bond measures have been invested to ensure seismic safety, add inpatient beds, and acquire new technology – but the growing demand for care means additional funds are needed to continue ensuring high-quality care for our state's sickest kids.
- By helping to cover the cost of infrastructure upgrades, this bond allows Children's Hospitals to focus their attention and resources on caring for sick children, regardless of their families' income.
- California has an "investment grade" bond rating because our state is prudent about how much debt we take on.

### ***Children's Hospitals deserve support.***

- The California Hospital Association and the Children's Specialty Care Coalition endorse the bond.

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