

CHA Key Messages

Hospitals: A Vital Economic Engine for California

- 1. Hospitals contribute to their communities far beyond their role as health care institutions.**
 - For many communities, hospitals serve as economic engines, providing stability and growth vital to the financial health of the regions they serve.
- 2. California's 454 hospitals employ nearly a half-million people.**
 - Hospitals' economic activity supports more than 1.1 million total jobs statewide.
 - Last year, California's hospitals spent \$135 billion on goods and services from other businesses.
 - Those goods and services, in turn, created additional economic value for California communities, supporting millions more jobs and \$297 billion in total state economic activity.
- 3. Hospitals provide vital high-quality health care services to millions of Californians each year and support a healthy, productive workforce. But there's room to improve their contribution to the state's economic well-being. Opportunities include:**
 - Investing in our workforce with doctor and nurse training programs
 - Building public/private health project in partnership with local businesses, government, and NGOs
 - Allowing health care professionals to practice to the full extent of their training