

Protecting Californians, Expanding Access to Care

Integrated hospital systems support California's health care infrastructure and put patients first.

75%

of California's hospital beds are part of hospital systems, and California ranks as the

19th

LOWEST

state in terms of per capita hospital costs.



Hospital integration has shown to reduce annual operating expenses by

2.3%

Share of national health care spending attributable to hospitals down by

17%

since 1980.



Savings from integration can be passed on to patients and their health plans. Revenues per admission at hospitals that join systems drop by **3.5%** compared to non-merging hospitals.

(Charles River Associates)

FACTS

- Without system membership, hospitals operating in rural or underserved areas would be at risk of closure.
- States with the highest proportion of system hospitals tend to have lower per capita hospital costs.
- Hospitals that are part of systems are able to make investments in technology and quality improvement that they would not otherwise.

How you can help:

Protect hospitals' ability to be operationally flexible to better serve community members in greatest need.

COVID-19 case study

The 2020 pandemic demonstrated the value of California's health systems, which saved lives thanks to their unique ability to seamlessly transfer personal protective equipment, medical devices, and personnel to virus hotspots.

