



# HASC Briefs

## Orange County Reconsiders Taking Hospital Services Funds to Meet CMS Physician Payment Mandate

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At the request of HASC, Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) officials have reconsidered a plan to utilize funding from the MSI Hospital Pool to pay for CMS-mandated increases in physician payments, and reversed that decision for the 2012-13 program year. HASC has requested clarity as to whether this new decision will also apply during the first six months of 2013-14 (the MSI and LIHP programs end on December 31 of this year).

The HASC protest of HCA plans was based on more than \$20 million in diversions from the Hospital Pool earlier in the year to pay HIV-related pharmacy and FQHC costs, which contributed to more than \$200 million in actual-cost losses incurred by hospitals in the County's

2012-13 program. HASC has also questioned the County's authority to divert the funds under the terms of their agreements as well as staff's ability to take these actions without Board of Supervisors approval, and has suggested that diversions of this magnitude should have triggered the formal notification processes outlined in the agreement.

County projections show that notwithstanding appropriations approved by the Board of Supervisors specifically for hospital payments, hospitals will be paid 13-14 cents on the dollar of actual cost in the 2012-13 and 2013-14 MSI/LIHP program years.

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## Get Latest Southern California Patient Safety First Collaborative Fast Facts Online

Health care professionals interested in learning more about, Sepsis, Surgical Safety, Perinatal Safety and HAI – C. Difficile can review highlights from the most recent Phase II kickoff Southern California Patient Safety First Collaborative meeting.

*Fast Facts* from the July 16 meeting is available online at <http://www.hasc.org/fact-sheet/fast-facts-17>. The one-page meeting summary of highlights is distributed after each SCPSFC meeting and is designed to offer senior leaders a communication tool that can be used to facilitate a short debriefing with meeting attendees.

The meeting included 122 attendees from 50 of our 79 PSF Collaborative hospitals. Featured topics from this meeting included:

- *Leadership for Collaboration*
- *Becoming a Physician Champion*
- *Lean Thinking: Applications for Patient Safety Goals*
- *Telling the "Story": A Patient-Centered Approach to Quality and Patient Safety*

Eight clinical breakout sessions focused on:  
**Surgical Safety**

- No Thing Left Behind: Sponge Accounting
- Perioperative Risks Associated with SDB

### Sepsis Management

- How Methodist Hospital Is Tackling Sepsis
- Sepsis Management: A Multidisciplinary Approach

### HAI- C. Difficile

- Lean Practicum: Process Mapping
- LAC DPH: Your Partner in CDI Prevention

### Perinatal Safety

- Elective Deliveries, <39 weeks: How Visiting the Zoo Can Help Solve the Problem
- Healthy Babies Are Worth the Wait

SCPSFC meetings are presented by HASC and National Health Foundation. The next meeting will be a Web series scheduled for Oct. 2. The next in-person meeting will be Nov. 5 at the Quiet Canon, Montebello Country Club.

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## Security Drill Tool Kit Now Online

The Security and Safety Active Shooter Drill Tool Kit is now available online. The 2013 HASC Security and Safety Committee developed the tool kit to create greater awareness of workplace violence among hospitals and other health care facilities, and to provide the tools necessary for each facility to develop a local plan that leads to a safer, more prepared environment.

Based on an active shooter drill held at LAC + USC Medical Center in March, the free materials include templates, checklists, industry guidelines, scenarios, safety rules, participant releases and staffing suggestions for hospitals to plan a similar

event. A video also provides a firsthand account of the HASC drill with scenes from the simulated attacks in clinical and office settings.

While most active shooter drills are geared toward first responders, the HASC drill uniquely focused on hospital staffers who are often in the direct line of fire caring for patients when these violent attacks occur. The training provided in the drill and accompanying educational seminars helped participants assess their level of preparedness for this type of emergency event.

The materials are available to the pub-

lic at [www.hasc.org/resource/active-shooter-drill-material](http://www.hasc.org/resource/active-shooter-drill-material). Participants who attended the drill will receive USB drives with the materials in the mail.

HASC's Security and Safety Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the planning of the drill, and in the development of the Security and Safety Active Shooter Drill Tool Kit. You can read more about the lessons learned from the drill in [Campus Safety Magazine](#).

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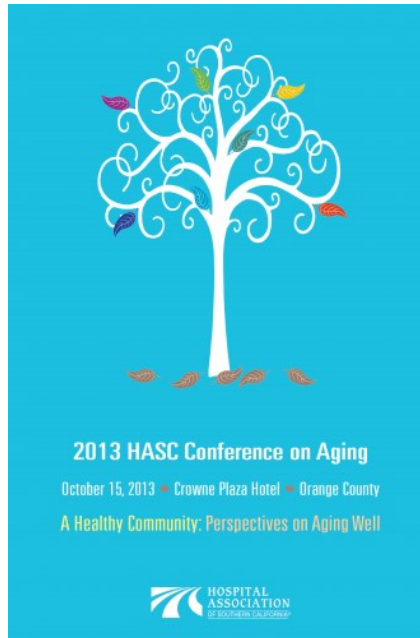
## Registration Now Open for Conference on Aging

Registration is now open for the inaugural HASC Conference on Aging, Oct. 15, at Crowne Plaza Resort in Orange County.

With a focus on health care for older adults, the conference will bring together key executives and champions of healthy aging to examine programs and strategies that promote a healthier senior population, better care coordination across the continuum, and lower health care costs.

Speakers include local and national experts guiding the development of new service delivery models producing successful outcomes and quality care to older adult patients. This year's offerings include an array of topics with emphasis on financial support for elders, caregiver support and community resources, and innovation in clinical models for older adult care. Participants will:

- Explore how the changes in the health care industry can meet the growing needs of the older adult population
- Discover interventions for protecting



older adults from financial exploitation

- Learn new strategies for delivering quality care with compassion and sensitivity for the underserved and diverse older adult population
- Improve critical pathways and consistency between hospitals and post-discharge and/or specialty care to improve hospital readmission rates

The conference is open to anyone interested in working with older adults, including chief nursing officers, service directors, nursing managers, supervisors, staff nurses, social workers, case and care managers, risk managers, clinical social workers, nursing homes, gerontologists, medical doctors, pharmacists and home care workers.

For more information, please contact Maria Velez, (714) 750-2688, [mvelez@hasc.org](mailto:mvelez@hasc.org), or visit [www.hasc.org/AgingWell2013](http://www.hasc.org/AgingWell2013).

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## 2013 Charity Golf Supports Health Care Delivery for the Underserved

The 2013 Charity Golf Classic will be held Monday, Oct. 21, at the Oakmont Country Club, benefiting National Health Foundation (NHF). Each year, the popular event brings together leading c-suite professionals from the top health care facilities in the region in a low-key social set-

ting for great golf and networking.

The Charity Golf Classic supports [NHF](#), a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) public charity organization, which for more than 40 years has successfully addressed health care issues focusing on three strategic areas: underserved children and families, chronic dis-

ease prevention and management, and health care delivery systems.

There are three ways to participate in this event: play a round of golf with peers, sponsor the event (various sponsorship levels are available) or make a tax-exempt donation. NHF appreciates

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## Fall LEAD Academy Dates Announced

The LEAD Academy training dates are now scheduled for fall 2013. Attended by physicians, nurses, IT staff, lab technicians, human resources, case management and more, LEAD's dynamic six-session, 12-module training experience attracts a range of health care professionals interested in building effective leadership skills.

Designed to empower recently hired, newly appointed or previously untrained health care leaders to better understand and use their strengths, each LEAD session focuses on different skills leaders today need to meet the challenges of the industry—communication, conflict resolution, coaching team members and employ-

ees to better performance, business and finance, and organizational skills.

Respected trainer Pam Cunningham will lead each interactive, small-group session. A Six Sigma Black Belt skilled at blending the technical with the human side of high performance, she has advised executives at numerous health care organizations on how to quickly and effectively resolve various organizational issues.

LEAD Academy sessions provide a safe environment to practice newly learned skills and align work goals and actions to support the broader vision of the organization. Specific program focus

areas include:

- Self-development
- Supporting the development of others
- Managing and developing a successful organization

Fall sessions are scheduled for Sept. 13, Oct. 4, Oct. 25, Nov. 8, Nov. 22 and Dec. 6 at Verdugo Hills Hospital, 1812 Verdugo Boulevard, Glendale.

Space still remains for the last Spring 2013 session, Aug. 16. Contact Karen Ochoa, (213) 538-0765 or

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## 8th Annual Hospital Hero Awards: Call for Nominations

The 2013 Hospital Hero Awards are scheduled for Friday, Nov. 8, at the Skirball Cultural Center in Los Angeles. Produced by National Health Foundation (NHF), this annual media event honors health care professionals dedicated to patient care and those who help create miracles for patients. It is an opportunity for hospitals to recognize the outstanding achievements that occur at the front line of care throughout the region.

The Hospital Hero Awards honor outstanding direct patient care that goes above and beyond the call of duty. Focusing on actions within the last 12 months, Hospital Heroes will be recognized from member hospitals in the HASC region, including Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside,

### HOSPITAL HERO AWARDS



MAKING MIRACLES HAPPEN

San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. All members of the hospital family (medical, technology,

clinical, administrative, volunteers) are eligible for the award.

[Read more about the criteria](#) for nominations and [download a nomination form](#) online.

Ads honoring the nominees can be purchased for the event tribute journal. Members can also elect to sponsor the event. All proceeds will benefit NHF, a tax-exempt organization dedicated to improving health care access for the underserved.

For more information about the 2013 Hospital Hero Awards, please visit [nationalhealthfoundation.org](http://nationalhealthfoundation.org).

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Partners for *Patient Safety First...a California Partnership for Health* include:

- Anthem Blue Cross
- The three regional hospital associations of California: Southern California, San Diego & Imperial Counties, and Northern & Central California
- National Health Foundation

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the generous support received from HASC members each year.

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