



HASC Briefs

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Los Angeles County Orders Influenza Vaccination and Masking for Health Care Personnel

The Los Angeles County Health Officer is mandating that all health care personnel who work in acute care hospitals, long-term care facilities, and intermediate care facilities in Los Angeles County be vaccinated against influenza, or wear a protective mask, effect Nov. 1. The order will remain in place until March 31. Changes to the original order issued back in October 2013 by Public Health are not expected. This order does exclude acute care fa-

cilities in the cities of Long Beach and Pasadena, which are under separate health jurisdictions.

Educational material for health care personal as well as customizable posters can be found at http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/ip/flu_order.htm. HASC did request that Public Health update the FAQ document to provide clarity regarding the continued exemption for acute care psychiatric facilities.

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My Health Los Angeles Takes Effect in County Oct. 1

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved for the Department of Health Services (DHS) to execute contracts with 50 community clinic partners (representing 149 clinic sites) for primary care and dental care services effective Oct. 1, 2014. Inpatient hospitalization services will continue to be provided by DHS.

My Health LA is a redesigned program that evolved from Healthy Way LA (unmatched) program that preserves access to care and promotes care coordination to individuals who otherwise do not qualify for Medi-Cal due to income or residency status. Agreement also provides qualifying commu-

nity clinics access to the 340-B drug pricing program through the DHS Central Pharmacy.

The county approved a maximum total expenditure of \$55,000,000, subject to annual appropriation by the Board (\$50,000,000 health care services and \$5,000,000 for dental care). Under the approved terms, MHLA can serve 146,000 beneficiaries, compared to 110,000 under the Healthy Way LA unmatched program.

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Fast Facts from Sept. 17 Patient Safety First Meeting Online

At the third Patient Safety First Phase 2 Collaborative Meeting in 2014 on Sept. 17, 121 attendees from 53 hospitals congregated to focus on the theme *It Takes a Village: Collaborating to Save Lives*.

View the presentations in detail at <http://www.hasc.org/southern-california-patient-safety-first-collaborative>. Fast Facts from this meeting are available at www.hasc.org/fact-sheet/fast-facts-20.

Topics included:

- Surgical Procedures are Safer in California - Don't Be Left Behind!

- Sepsis Management
- Glucose Control for Surgical Safety
- Using Six Sigma and Lean *Effectively* in Your QI Initiatives
- Reducing NTSV C-Sections: A Three-Pronged Approach
- A Primer on Change Management - Key Concepts and Challenges

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Last Chance to Nominate Your Hospital Hero

HOSPITAL HERO AWARDS



MAKING MIRACLES HAPPEN

The deadline to nominate a hero from your hospital is fast approaching. Please join National Health Foundation as we celebrate the outstanding contributions of hospital employees at the 9th Annual Hospital Hero Awards Luncheon, Friday, Nov. 21 at Skirball Cultural Center. Visit http://www.nhfca.org/Hosp_heros.aspx to make your nomination.

The event is 75 percent full. Don't

miss an opportunity to nominate your hero today. Each hospital may only nominate one hero. Please join these hospitals that have submitted nominations:

Nominating Hospitals:

- Anaheim Regional Medical Center
- California Hospital Medical Center
- Cedars-Sinai Health System
- Centinela Hospital Medical Center
- Corona Regional Medical Center
- Desert Valley Hospital
- Fontana Medical Center—Kaiser Permanente
- Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
- Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital
- Glendale Adventist Medical Center

- Kindred Hospital Brea
- Kindred Hospital Rancho
- Montclair Hospital Medical Center
- PIH Health
- Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center
- Providence Health & Services
- Riverside Community Hospital
- San Dimas Community Hospital
- St. Jude Medical Center
- Valley Presbyterian Hospital
- Ventura County Medical Center
- West Hills Hospital
- White Memorial Medical Center

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HASC Welcomes Staff Care as a Business Partner

Welcome to Staff Care, one of HASC's newest Business Partners.

Staff Care is a leading provider of temporary (locum tenens) physician, advanced practitioner and allied health care professional staffing services. As a company of AMN Healthcare (NYSE: AHS), Staff Care is part of the largest health care staffing organization in the United States.

For close to 25 years Staff Care has helped its clients to assess their temporary staffing needs and find appropriate

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candidates. A member of the National Association of Locum Tenens Organizations, Staff Care is highly regarded in the medical staffing industry and is one of the few firms in its field to earn the *Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval* and *National Committee for Quality Assurance* certification.

Visit Staff Care's website at www.staffcare.com.

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HASC Welcomes New Member

HASC is pleased to welcome a new hospital member:

Palo Verde Hospital Blythe, CA

www.paloverdehospital.org

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Licensed Beds: 51

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Golf Tournament Benefitting NHF Later This Month

It's not too late to register for the HASC Charity Golf Classic, Monday, Oct. 20 at Oakmont Country Club in Glendale. Proceeds from this fundraiser for National Health Foundation will help to promote health care services for underserved communities.

Sign up for the tournament at <https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=20143459E>.

Not able to play? Choose another way to support NHF:

- Sponsor the event at one of many available sponsorship levels
- Make a tax-deductible donation to NHF, a charitable 501(c)(3) corporation

We hope to see you there. For further event information, visit <http://www.hasc.org/special-event/2014-hasc-charity-golf-classic>.

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