

2012 CHA Legislative Agenda

Leadership in Improving the Health of Our Communities

- Lead and facilitate initiatives that engage Connecticut communities in assessing and improving their health.

Leadership in Quality of Care and Patient Safety

- Support initiatives that enhance quality and patient safety in Connecticut hospitals and that raise awareness that quality and patient safety are key priorities for hospitals.
 - Promote the reporting of hospital quality information that is coordinated with federal requirements and initiatives.
 - Advocate for the development of a statewide health information exchange that promotes clinical effectiveness and care improvement.
 - Develop initiatives that focus the Department of Public Health’s oversight with evidence-based practices and quality improvement.
 - Expand hospitals’ ability to use telepharmacy.
- Support initiatives that ensure hospitals’ ability to appropriately manage human resources to meet ever-changing patient care needs.
- Seek clarification of hospitals’ requirements under the new Workplace Violence and Prevention Act that balances the safety of healthcare workers and optimal patient care.

Leadership in Shaping Financing and Delivery System Changes

- Support initiatives that improve access to health insurance coverage for Connecticut residents and reduce the number of uninsured.
 - Align the state’s commercial insurance and Medicaid program with federal healthcare reform with a focus on the establishment of the Connecticut exchange and expanding access to primary care.
- Advance initiatives to stabilize Connecticut’s medical malpractice liability environment.
- Protect current state funding for care for hospital patients and pursue increases in reimbursement to equal the cost of providing such care; oppose measures that increase the cost of providing care.
- Seek to mitigate the negative impact of the Connecticut hospital tax.