STATE INITIATIVES: LEGISLATIVE SUCCESSES
During the 2019 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, the LHA:

- Secured significant hospital rate increases for a 4th year in a row
- Improved the Medicaid Program by requiring transparency in claim denials/policy changes
- Protected hospital Medicaid funding in the State Budget
- Helped secure funding for the Louisiana Health Works Commission to address the nursing workforce shortage

LHA’s 2019 Legislative Review includes an in-depth report on state advocacy efforts and legislation impacting hospitals.

HOSPPAC
HOSPPAC, the Association’s political action committee, endorsed pro-hospital candidates in the 2019 Louisiana elections based on hospital feedback, incumbent voting records and history, and staff research.

- 21 Senators were elected with the support of HOSPPAC.
- 40 Representatives were elected with the support of HOSPPAC.

FEDERAL INITIATIVES
LHA educated federal leaders on several key issues.

- Price Transparency/Surprise Billing
- Medicaid DSH Payments
- OPPS/IPPS/LTCH PPS Proposed Rules
- Wage Index Provisions
- Site-Neutral Payment Cuts for Hospital Outpatient Departments
- Prescription Drug Prices
- 340B Drug Savings Program
- Rural Healthcare Access
- Reducing Administrative Burdens
- Graduate Medical Education
- Medicaid Coverage in Louisiana
- Medicare Hospital Cuts
- Patient Safety & Quality Improvements
- Louisiana Hospitals’ Economic Impact
- Workforce Training
QUALITY AND PATIENT SAFETY

Hospital Improvement Innovation Network (HIIN)

Hospitals Achieved Targeted Care Improvement Goals in Eight Topics During 2016-2019

- **12,319** Harms Prevented
- **$48 Million** Healthcare Savings
- **1,426** Lives Saved

2019 Activities of the 107 Hospitals Enrolled in the LHAREF HIIN with $850,200 in Funding

- **68** Hospital Site Visits
- **8** Regional Workshops with Subject-Matter Experts
- **11** Regional Readmission Coalitions
- **55** Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Candidates
- **65** Certified Professionals in Healthcare Quality
- **80** TeamSTEPPS Master Trainers

The HIIN Program is funded through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. Results for targeted improvements are preliminary.

Louisiana Alliance for Patient Safety PSO

**53** Hospitals Joined LAPS PSO

**34** Hospital Teams Joined LasQC

Relisted as a Federally-Designated PSO

Established Scope of Work: Setting Up Patient Safety Evaluation Systems at Each Member Institution and Reporting at Least One Root Cause Analysis Every 6 Months

Received Financial Support from LHA Trust Funds and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana for Member Workshops

Hosted Safe Tables and Education Workshops

Launched Louisiana Surgical Quality Collaborative (LasQC) Checklist Initiative on Oct. 3

ICU Safety Program: One-Year AHRQ-Funded CAUTI & CLABSI Program

- **$58,000** Funding:
  - 12 Hospitals Participated;
  - 15 ICUs Enrolled; and
  - 31 Site Visits Conducted.

COMMUNICATIONS

**EVENTS**
- **TWO** Advocacy Events, Legislative Fish Fry and Hospital Day at the Capitol, allowed members to connect with their lawmakers.

**NEWS**
- More than **300** Communications sent to members through newsletters, alerts, daily news, and other outlets.

**MEDIA**
- More than **2.5 M** Impressions earned on social media platforms - Facebook and Twitter - for the LHA and HOSPPAC.

**ELECTIONS**
- More than **270** Election Posts created for legislative candidate ads and #YourVoteCounts campaign messaging.

**VIDEOS**
- **27** Videos created, including Heroes of Patient Safety series and several highlighting legislative issues.

**AWARDS**
- **77** Pelican Awards and 19 Certificates of Merit presented to member hospitals for excellence in public relations & marketing.
**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

Hospital Preparedness Program Grant 2019-2020 Distribution

$1.3 Million

Supported Nine Regional Administrative Coordinators and Healthcare Coalition Projects

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**HPP GRANT CONTRACT**
was awarded to the LHA Research & Education Foundation.

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**18th Year**

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**LEGAL**

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**Industry Educational Toolkit**

**Legislative Review**

**REPORTS AND TOOLS**

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**Benchmarking Report**

**Membership Directory**

**Hospital Inform Website**

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The LHA and Its Affiliate Organizations: Hosted 47 Live Programs, Educated More Than 3,500 Members, Provided 71 Webinars, Offered 15,941 Professional CEUs.

2019 EDUCATION HIGHLIGHTS

- 350 Physicians, nurses, hospital emerging leaders, and seasoned professionals participated in the Association’s opportunities for LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.
- 65 RURAL HOSPITAL leaders attended the LHA’s Inaugural Rural Health Leadership Conference.
- 63 PHYSICIANS participated in LHA’s Physician Leadership Academy 100 and 200 Series.
- Secured sponsorship from the Louisiana State Bar Association for HEALTH LAW SPECIALIZATION continuing education credit opportunities.
- Collaborated with HSLI to offer two educational offerings on compliance regulations with the NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION AGENCY.
- Offered webinars on HCC Coding Practices & LaPOST as a VALUE-ADDED BENEFIT for members.
- Earned SHRM PROVIDER STATUS for human resource professional continuing education credits.

NOTEWORTHY PROGRAMS FOR 2019:

- Winter Healthcare Leadership Symposium
- Annual Meeting & Summer Conference
- Payor Day Series - Added Veterans Administration
- LDH Health Standards & Joint Commission Readiness
- Joint Commission Standards for Infection Control
- Annual Health Law Symposium
- Environment of Care & Life Safety Standards
- PSO Legal and Regulatory Workshops