WE ARE ADVANCING HEALTH FOR A BETTER WORLD

Inspired by our belief that Health is a Human Right, our family of organizations is ready to partner with lawmakers on policies that are responsive to the changing needs and priorities of patients and Consumers.

119,000 caregivers
1.6 billion community benefit
5.2 million unique patients served
16 supportive housing programs
51 hospitals
1085 clinics
2.1 million covered lives
High school nursing schools & university

Providence St Joseph Health is a not-for-profit health system committed to easing the way of our neighbors in their journey to good life. Each year we serve communities comprised of millions of people across seven western states. Embedded in our mission is a call to serve those who are poor and vulnerable, and to be a voice of justice, love and kindness.

Across our states and in Washington, D.C., our government affairs and social responsibility team is a leading voice in advancing health and social policy. Our advocacy and engagement reflects our deep commitment to the Medicaid and Medicare programs, increasing access to mental health care, improving the health of our communities, and all of the priorities in this agenda.

In a changing health care landscape, our organization is planning and advocating for the next century of Health for a Better World. We will be joining with like-minded partners and lawmakers to work on policies that have a meaningful impact on the health and well-being of those we serve.

- Ali Santore, Group Vice President, Government Affairs and Social Responsibility

OUR 2019-2020 ADVOCACY AGENDA

Enable affordable access and coverage
- Ensure continued stability and affordability in the individual market, supporting appropriate regulations and legislation
- Protect and improve Medicare and Medicaid programs, and support the growth of Medicare Advantage

Support integrated care at every stage of life
- Streamline and simplify measures in quality reporting programs
- Support reasonable price transparency efforts
- Increase pharmaceutical affordability and protect the 340B drug pricing program
- Address provider shortages, especially in rural and underserved communities
- Expand palliative care resources, access and training
- Support education funding and initiatives as it relates to all levels of education

Advance new care models
- Modernize the Stark law to remove obstacles to care coordination and value-based payment arrangements
- Increase access and reimbursement for telehealth services

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**Improve access to mental health care**

- Support legislation that protects patient confidentiality while also enabling providers to access the entire medical record to treat and coordinate care
- Advance the creation of a behavioral health primary care alternative payment model

**Promote social justice and common good**

- Preserve hospital not-for-profit tax-exempt status and ensure reasonable and flexible community benefit policies
- Support policies that improve social determinants of health including more access to stable, affordable housing
- Promote charitable giving and support legislation that provides incentives to middle-income taxpayers ages 65 and over to make charitable contributions
- Oppose policies that limit health care access to immigrants and support funding for international programs
- Promote policies that help prevent, reduce and otherwise create less waste in the health care sector, becoming true Environmental Stewards and paving the way for others to follow our lead

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**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP GOING FORWARD**

As PSJH caregivers, we’re entrusted to build Health for a Better World through socially responsible practices and to operate with awareness of our environmental footprint; healthy people require a healthy planet.

Health care is a significant polluter - it is the second highest user of energy in the service sector. We operate more than 1,000 facilities in seven states and are the third largest health care non-profit organization in the U.S. Our actions and behaviors matter. Therefore, our family of organizations is committed to making significant, measurable improvements to our environmental footprint. This commitment includes system-wide efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, energy and water usage, and waste generation, and is achievable through the passion and commitment of our caregivers to make a difference. Environmental stewardship is not just an act of integrity, it is fundamental to our identity and critical for the health of our planet. By protecting the Earth, our common home, we are taking wider strides to achieve our vision of health for a better world.

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**GET INVOLVED**

There are many ways to become involved with our grassroots programs and become a social advocate in your communities. Please visit our action center for complete details:

[https://www.providence.org/about/advocacy](https://www.providence.org/about/advocacy)

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**LEADERSHIP**

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For information about our advocacy priorities, please contact Jacquelyn Bombard, director of government relations at Jacquelyn.Bombard@providence.org or visit our website

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