



About L.A. Care Health Plan

Background

- L.A. Care Health Plan (Local Initiative Health Authority of Los Angeles County) is an independent local public agency created by the State of California to serve Los Angeles County residents. L.A. Care is the nation's largest public health plan.
- **Purpose:** to deliver quality health care services for Medi-Cal (Medicaid) beneficiaries, uninsured children and other vulnerable populations
- **Established:** Fall 1994, began operations as a licensed health plan in April 1997
- **Designed by:** local health stakeholders, including medical and health care professionals, consumer advocates and Medi-Cal consumers
- **Service Area:** Los Angeles County
- **Corporate status:** tax-exempt public entity

Programs

- **Medi-Cal.** In addition to offering a direct Medi-Cal line of business, L.A. Care contracts with three Plan Partners to provide coverage to Medi-Cal members. These Partners are Anthem Blue Cross, Care 1st Health Plan, and Kaiser Permanente.
- **Healthy Families Program.** Healthy Families, California's CHIP program, provides health coverage to children who do not qualify for Medi-Cal but whose families cannot afford private health insurance.
- **L.A. Care's Healthy Kids.** Sponsored by First 5 LA and the Children's Health Initiative of Greater Los Angeles, Healthy Kids provides health coverage for children who do not qualify for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families, up to 300% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- **L.A. Care Health Plan Medicare Advantage HMO SNP.** The L.A. Care Medicare Advantage HMO SNP provides coordinated care for Los Angeles County seniors and people with disabilities who are eligible for Medicare and Medi-Cal.

Membership (as of May 1, 2012)

Total Medi-Cal Membership:		980,968
L.A. Care's Direct Medi-Cal:	333,841	
L.A. Care's Healthy Families Program:		11,155
L.A. Care's Healthy Kids:		12,159
L.A. Care Health Plan Medicare Advantage HMO SNP:		3,013
In Home support SVCS (IHSS)		40,466
Total Members:		1,047,761

Governance Structure

- **Board of Governors:** L.A. Care Health Plan is governed by 13 board members representing various stakeholder groups, of which two are elected by L.A. Care consumer members.
- **Representation on Board:** includes community clinics, physicians, federally qualified health centers, children's health care providers, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, hospitals and HMOs.
- **Community Participation:** Several committees advise the board of governors, including a health care professionals committee, a children's health committee and an executive community advisory committee representing eleven regional advisory committees.

