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Maryland Hospital Association Celebrates 50 Years Advancing Health Care

Elkridge, Md. – The Maryland Hospital Association (MHA) is celebrating [50 years](#) advancing health care and the health of all Marylanders.

MHA is the leading voice for the state’s 61 nonprofit hospitals and health systems—caring for more than six million patients annually and employing more than 108,000 people.

Hospital leaders, along with their executive management and medical staff, formed MHA, which was incorporated July 1, 1970. The association launched as a forum for cooperation and communication among the state's major health care providers.

The association’s [roots date to the 1940s](#), when a group of hospital leaders met to discuss challenges—primarily those facing Baltimore hospitals. The group, then known as the Hospital Council of Maryland, expanded to address hospital concerns statewide.

“Throughout its 50-year history, MHA and our hospitals have been privileged to work with state agencies and legislators to improve health care while holding costs down,” says Bob Atlas, president and CEO of MHA. “Our mission has always been to advocate and educate on behalf of hospitals, as they ensure Marylanders have access to high-quality health care.”

“MHA’s Executive Committee includes executive level and trustee leaders from hospitals across the state who work together to chart a path to better health care for our fellow Marylanders,” says Harry S. Johnson, Chair of MHA’s Executive Committee and a partner at Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, L.L.P. “MHA and its governing body are extremely proud to support caregivers statewide. This year has been especially taxing for our communities and our health care professions, and it is very gratifying to represent our health care heroes. We are very thankful for their dedication and the more than 14,000 lives they’ve saved from COVID.”

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About the Maryland Hospital Association

The Maryland Hospital Association serves Maryland’s hospitals and health systems through collective action to shape policies, practices, financing and performance to advance health care and the health of all Marylanders. MHA’s vision is to be Maryland’s most effective advocate for improving health care across our state and the health of all Marylanders. For more information, visit www.mhaonline.org.