



**HSS Is HASC, Hospital Council Selection for Workplace Violence Prevention Training Partner (header)**  
**New Partnership Provides Practical, Health Care-Specific Training Programs to Association Members(sub header)**

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30, 2017 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) and the Hospital Council of Northern and Central California (Hospital Council) today announced they have exclusively endorsed HSS Inc. of Denver, Colo. for workplace violence prevention training. The endorsement will help member hospitals comply with California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA) standards that went into effect April 1.

The new regulations require health facilities, home health and hospice providers and emergency responders to develop workplace violence prevention plans, assess the workplace, correct identified hazards, train employees and keep records related to workplace violence incidents. The regulations also require hospitals to report specified incidents to Cal/OSHA.

After a comprehensive review of training firms specializing in workplace violence prevention, HASC and Hospital Council jointly awarded endorsement to HSS to assist member hospitals and organizations in meeting the training requirements by the April 1, 2018 compliance date, said Art Sponseller, Hospital Council's president and CEO.

"Facilities and systems are likely feeling some urgency to implement programs," Sponseller said. "Having a member-vetted option takes away some of the guesswork and will help make compliance as manageable as possible."

During its rigorous review of training providers, the HASC-Hospital Council selection committee zeroed in on HSS, said Teri Hollingsworth, vice president of association and human resources services at HASC.

"The journey to find a training partner to assist association members in complying with the new training requirements clearly led us to HSS," Hollingsworth said. "Many of our members lack the internal resources to meet the new Cal/OSHA requirements, and we are pleased and confident in recommending HSS to our constituents."

"HSS is honored to partner with and be endorsed by HASC and Hospital Council and we look forward to offering our Techniques for Effective Aggression Management (TEAM) program to their members," said Dean R. Sobcoviak, vice president – professional services at HSS.

"Effective training is a critical component to equip health care staff with the necessary tools to protect themselves, their co-workers and their patients and visitors — and aids in creating a safer environment for all."



HASC and Hospital Council's endorsed business partner program provide cutting-edge and cost-effective solutions for member hospitals. The business partners selected are expected to meet high quality standards and offer products or services that help health care facilities avoid costs, recover revenue, reduce operating and capital expenses, improve management and quality, increase productivity, develop staff resources and apply new strategies.

#### **About HASC**

The Hospital Association of Southern California, founded in 1923, is a not-for-profit 501(c)(6) regional trade association. HASC is dedicated to effectively advancing the interests of hospitals in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties. The association represents 182 member hospitals and 40 health systems, plus numerous related professional associations and associate members, all with a common goal: to improve the operating environment for hospitals and the health status of the communities they serve.

#### **About Hospital Council**

The Hospital Council of Northern and Central California is a nonprofit hospital and health system trade association established in 1961. It represents 184 hospitals and health systems in 50 of California's 58 counties — from Kern County to the Oregon border. The Hospital Council's membership includes hospitals and health systems ranging from small, rural hospitals to large, urban medical centers, representing more than 37,000 licensed beds.

#### **About HSS Inc.**

Over the last 50 years, HSS has gained expertise in physical and technology security, medical equipment management, emergency management, and targeted education and consulting. Whether it's in health care, aviation, or other critical infrastructure, the firm has experience dealing with the most unexpected scenarios imaginable. Health care is the company's heritage and it is proud to be the only security services provider founded by hospitals. HSS offers turnkey security solutions with a full array of value-added services that are innovative, cost effective and patient-focused for today's most pressing health care security issues.

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