

Professional Membership

in the

FLORIDA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

FHA Mission

To promote the ability of member hospitals and health systems to effectively and efficiently serve the health care needs of their communities through representation, advocacy, and service.



An Association of Hospitals & Health Systems

Professional Membership in the Florida Hospital Association

We are delighted you are considering membership in the FHA!

With over 1,800 health care professionals in our affiliated professional membership groups (PMGs), you will find that FHA membership provides many opportunities for information sharing and professional networking.

Your dues investment buys the latest information to help you help your institution. Timely newsletters, data analysis, special reports, and discounted educational programs will keep you up-to-date on current and future trends.

Membership also will provide you with opportunities to give us input about association activities, legislative action, and new membership services.

FHA staff, located in Tallahassee, Washington, and Orlando, will provide you with their expertise and assistance. Whether you have questions or concerns about legislative and regulatory issues, financial and reimbursement issues, managed care, medical records, quality outcomes, nursing and allied health professions - you name it, we're here to assist you!



Once you have submitted the completed membership application and correct dues remittance, you will immediately begin receiving FHA newsletters, meeting notices, special mailings, and discounts on educational programs, publications, and services.

Dues Schedule

Professional membership dues are renewed on an annual basis on the anniversary date.

Individuals who hold memberships in more than one society receive a reduced fee on the second society affiliation.

Please see the following dues schedule for appropriate fees.

Types of Professional Membership

When you become a professional member of one of the FHA's affiliated societies, you also become an individual member of FHA. Membership categories are described below:

Member - (Type A)

Employees of FHA-member institutions and those provider organizations owned by FHA-member institutions.

Dues: \$95 annually

Associate - (Type B)

Individuals employed by organizations which provide services and products to, or have contracts with, FHA member institutions (i.e., attorneys, accountants, consultants, and managed care companies).

Dues: \$225 annually

Non-Affiliate - (Type C)

Employees of hospitals that are not institutional members of the FHA. Non-affiliates are ineligible for additional newsletters, FHALink, and to hold officer or board positions in the professional membership groups.

Dues: \$360 annually

Other Health Care Providers - (Type D)

Examples: Free-standing ambulatory surgery centers, medical group practices, and home health agencies not owned by a hospital. *This category is an associate-level membership.*

Dues: \$225 annually

Educational Institutions & Government Agencies - (Type E)

State educational institutions and government agencies (except non-member government hospitals). Health care associations are included in this category.

Dues: \$95 annually

Student - (Type F)

Full-time students enrolled in accredited universities and community colleges who are not employed full-time. A copy of your student I.D. is required with your membership application. Administrative residents of FHA member institutions also are included in this category.

Dues: \$40 annually

Dues Schedule

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| Member - (Type A) | \$95 |
| Second-Society Affiliation* | \$75 |
| Associate - (Type B) | \$225 |
| Second-Society Affiliation* | \$200 |
| Non-Affiliate - (Type C) | \$360 |
| Second-Society Affiliation* | \$325 |
| Other Health Care Providers - (Type D) | \$225 |
| Second-Society Affiliation* | \$200 |
| Educational Institutions & Government Agencies - (Type E) | \$95 |
| Second-Society Affiliation* | \$75 |
| Student - (Type F) | \$40 |
| Second-Society Affiliation* | n/a |

* Second-Society Affiliation - Individual has a membership in more than one professional membership group of the FHA - example: member of both FAHA and FSHRM.

Contributions or gifts to FHA are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal income tax purposes. However, dues payments by individuals are deductible by members as an ordinary and necessary business expense.

Professional Membership Societies

There are 19 professional membership societies affiliated with FHA. The societies are a positive force building cohesion in the hospital field, increasing professional competence, and assisting in advocacy efforts.

Each society is assisted by a staff liaison, as well as the Director of Membership Services to serve as contact points through which members can locate resources or share information.

FHA professional members receive a choice of newsletters, access to FHALink, FHA's health care management library, consultation from the FHA staff, and discounts on FHA sponsored educational programs, publications, and services.

As a member of a society, you can serve on committees and as elected officers. Most societies have their own newsletter, in addition to a choice of useful FHA publications. Membership applicants must meet requirements of FHA professional membership and the individual society.

Note: Non-affiliates (Type C) are ineligible to hold officer and board positions. There also are restrictions to receive extra newsletters and FHALink.

Florida Academy of Healthcare Attorneys (FAHA) provides an opportunity for legal seminars, and provides assistance to FHA in drafting and advocating legislation important to FHA members. Membership is available to any individual who is a member in good standing of The Florida Bar and represents hospitals or other health care facilities who are members of the FHA, as regular or special counsel.

Florida Association for Managed Care Professionals (FAMCP) enhances the awareness of the quality, legal, ethical, financial and administrative issues related to managed care, and promotes effective communications between providers, regulatory and legislative agencies, and purchasers of health care; provides channels of communication, identifies concerns in the field, discusses current managed care issues, and assesses legal and political developments. Membership is available to all professionals responsible for the development and implementation of managed care.

Florida Association for Patient Financial Services (FAPFS) The mission of the members is to influence the costs of health care and impact reimbursement through the legislative process, improved technology, and payer/provider interactions. Membership is

available to those health care professionals with responsibilities in the hospital business office, patient financial services, and patient accounting.

Florida Association for Quality Coordinated Care (FAQCC) is a professional member organization designed to strengthen the interdisciplinary approach to patient care and transition throughout the health system. FAQCC strengthens the role of quality professionals, case managers, utilization review managers and discharge planners through networking and educational seminars conducive to professional enrichment and personal growth. FAQCC fosters improved understanding of the need for coordinated care with managed outcomes for patients provided by nursing staff, medical staff, insurers and others in the health care field. Membership is available to professionals employed in the health care field with major or continuing responsibility in quality management, case management, utilization management, and discharge planning.

Florida Association of Healthcare Government Relations Executives (FAHGRE) strengthens the role of hospital-based professionals who influence public policy on behalf of their organization. They educate elected and appointed government officials and community leaders on health care issues. Membership is available to those professionals with governmental responsibilities employed in FHA-member institutions only.

Florida Association of Healthcare Recruiters (FAHR) provides a forum for communication and the exchange of ideas; provides opportunities for professional education and development; and promotes ethical recruiting of health care workers and students. Membership is available to those who are directly or indirectly responsible for recruiting people to health care as a career and to hospitals as a place of employment.

Florida Healthcare Administrative Professionals Association (FHAPA) promotes understanding and support of hospitals, health systems and health care organizations and their services through stimulation of administrative professional methods inside and to increase levels of knowledge and standards in health care administration. Membership is available to those persons employed or retained full-time as secretaries and/or assistants to CEO's or administration-related officers.

Florida Healthcare Corporate Compliance Association (FHCCA) provides support for networking, education and sharing with others having similar responsibilities in corporate compliance.

Florida Society for Healthcare Education and Training (FSHET) improves the quality of education, training and development of health care personnel by promoting the need for continuing education among all health care personnel. FSHET encourages coordination among organizations involved in formulating programs of information and evaluation and recommends action on state issues relating to manpower and education of health care personnel. Membership is available for persons employed full-time by any agency and whose primary function is education and training of health care professionals.

Florida Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (FSHHRA) provides a forum for the effective practice of hospital human resources administration, leads and supports hospital human resources practitioners and other allied health care managers, and promotes the development and maintenance of high values and ethics in overall human resources management practices. Membership is available to health care human resources directors and assistants in Florida.

Florida Society for Healthcare Public Relations and Marketing (FSHPRM) provides the latest information and educational opportunities designed for hospital public relations and marketing professionals. Membership is available for individuals with major or continuing responsibility for public relations and/or marketing for hospitals and related organizations, and employees of consulting firms who have an FHA member hospital as a client.

Florida Society for Healthcare Risk Management (FSHRM) provides an organized structure at the local and state levels for individuals, in the field of health care risk management, provides a forum for the exchange of ideas and sharing of resources, and serves as a resource to related government organizations and associations. Membership is available for employees of a hospital or other health care provider or educational institution actively involved in healthcare risk management. Individuals who provide services and products to FHA member institutions and who are actively involved and interested in the healthcare risk management function may become members.

Professional Membership Societies (continued)

Florida Society for Healthcare Security and Safety Professionals (FSHSSP) promotes educational programs and activities to strengthen and develop security and loss prevention practices, maintains and improves productivity and performance, develops appropriate standards/criteria to increase professionalism, improves working relationships among hospital security departments, and strengthens relationships with hospital CEO's and other allied professional groups. Membership is available to directors, managers, supervisors, or associates of a health care security and safety function for a hospital in Florida.

Florida Society for Hospital-Based Skilled Nursing Facilities (FSHSNF) provides a forum for information-sharing, data gathering, and activities that can impact hospital-based skilled nursing facilities and the quality of health care. Membership is available to those persons employed by a hospital-based skilled nursing facility.

Florida Society for Patient Representatives (FSPR) provides a forum for discussions on local and state levels about issues concerning patient representatives, shares ideas that will help to humanize the hospital experience and ultimately improve the quality of care of patients, and provides workshops conducive to professional growth and personal enrichment. Membership is available for individuals who are employed by a health care provider or a health-related agency located in Florida, and whose primary responsibility is to provide representation and advocacy for patients and/or to direct the patient representation program or the consumer affairs program.

Florida Society for Healthcare Environmental Services (FSHES) fosters the development of regional environmental service groups for management working in health care environmental services. FSHES also provides a state network and serves as a resource for environmental service professionals. Membership is available to those employed in environmental services, housekeeping, laundry, and linen professionals at the administrative level within a Florida health care institution.

Florida Society of Hospital Physician Executives (FSHPE) provides a forum for developing strategies, influencing policy, and sharing of information for the delivery of quality and community health care. Membership is open to those physician executives employed by FHA member institutions and/or employed by alliances with FHA member institutions.

Hospital Home Care Association of Florida (HHCAF) serves as a networking forum for those responsible for hospital affiliated home care services, promotes recognition of hospital affiliated home care services in its expanding role in the health care field, and provides data relevant to managers of home care services. Membership is available to individuals who are administrators, directors, managers, coordinators, supervisors, or equivalent supervisory positions with responsibility for the provision of home care services where 50% or more of control is with a hospital licensed under Chapter 395, Florida Statutes, or a subsidiary thereof, or those individuals who provide products and services to FHA member institutions.

Hospital Wellness Association (HWA) [formerly *Florida Association of Hospital Health and Fitness Programs (FAHHFP)*] provides information, educational and networking opportunities to enhance hospital fitness programs for employees and communities. Membership is available to professionals involved in hospital health and fitness programs throughout Florida.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Bennett, FHA Director of Membership Services, at 407/841-6230, ext. 162 or diane@fha.org.

FHA Contact Information



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FHA Newsletter Service

All FHA newsletters are sent via FHALink weekly. Please be sure to provide an e-mail address, username, and password on the FHA Professional Membership Application.

What is FHALink? It is much more than just a newsletter service! It is online health care information at your fingertips.

Highlights include:

- Timely access to news
- Newsletter links e-mailed to you each Friday
- The latest information on your areas of interest
- Summary of current legislation
- Access to FHA data reports, JCAHO sample policies, and much more
- Notification of upcoming education programs and recently released reports
- Previously printed articles
- Key links to other health care related Web sites.

Description of FHA News Categories

Weekly News

Federal Advocacy

Reports on federal legislation, FHA federal advocacy activities, and the Florida Congressional delegation.

Finance/Reimbursement

Information from Medicare, Medicaid, managed care, and various third party payers pertaining to new regulations and initiatives. Contains summaries of current regulations and legislation impacting health care financial management.

General News *(automatic with membership)*

Reports on current, major issues of interest to FHA's member institutions. Includes advocacy items, AHCA recommendations, health care hot topics, and statewide initiatives.

Legal

Reports on court decisions and other legal issues of interest to hospitals.

Regulations

Reports on state and federal regulatory activity of concern to hospitals, including proposed regulations, certificate of need activity, and meetings of regulatory bodies.

Professional Membership Group (PMG) Newsletters

ComplianceAlert

Discussion of key topics and current issues to help hospitals and health systems comply with government rules and regulations, as well as major regulatory/legislative changes impacting health care compliance initiatives. Also includes information for the members of the Florida Healthcare Corporate Compliance Association (FHCCA). (Monthly)

Continuum of Care Connection

Information of interest to members of the Hospital Home Care Association of Florida (HHCAF) and Florida Society for Hospital-Based Skilled Nursing Facilities (FSHSNF). Reports state and federal legislative and regulatory issues and current trends along the continuum of care. (Quarterly)

Florida Healthcare Administrative Professionals Association News

News of interest to administrative professionals. (Monthly)

Florida Managed Care News

Reports current managed care issues as they relate to health care. Information of interest to members of the Florida Association for Managed Care Professionals. (Monthly)

FSHET Focus

Information of interest to members of the Florida Society for Healthcare Education & Training. Provides pertinent information on current issues and trends, resources, education programs, distance learning, and more. (Quarterly)

Healthy Accounts

Information of interest to those involved in patient financial services from Medicare, Medicaid, managed care, and other third party payers. Focuses on changes in billing requirements and addresses legislative/regulatory issues impacting admissions and billing functions. (Monthly)

HRAAlert

Reports on human resources administration issues including union activity, regulatory and legal issues of concern to hospital human resource administrators, directors and assistants. (Monthly)

HWA Association Update

Designed for members of the Hospital Wellness Association, this newsletter provides important information on

education programs, networking and business meetings, employment opportunities, resources, current issues, etc. (Periodic)

JCAHO Update

Provides timely information about current activities and standard policy changes within the JCAHO, upcoming programs of interest related to JCAHO standards, and hot topics. (Periodic)

NewSweep

News of interest to members of the Florida Society of Healthcare Environmental Services (FSHES). Provides information regarding health care environmental services, management issues, and current topics such as biomedical waste regulation.

Nursing Update

Information of interest to nursing management, from nurse executives to first-line managers. Reports on nursing issues, announces meetings of interest, and analysis resulting from research projects and other topics. (Monthly)

Quality Care Connection

Information of interest to members of the Florida Association for Quality Coordinated Care, including items from the PRO, policy changes, regulatory, and legal issues. (Monthly)

Rep's Review

Reports on news of interest to members of the Florida Society for Patient Representatives. (Periodic)

Risk Review

News of interest to members of the Florida Society for Healthcare Risk Management (FSHRM). Reports current information on risk management issues, patient safety, liability, and loss control activities in the health care field. (Bi-Monthly)

RxPRN

Reports on news of interest to members of the Florida Society for Healthcare Public Relations and Marketing. (Monthly)

Secureletter

Information of interest to members of the Florida Society for Healthcare Security & Safety Professionals (FSHSSP). Includes hot topics such as bioterrorism, equipment theft, and more. (Bi-monthly)

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FHA Professional Membership Application

Please type or print. Please be sure to complete both sides of this application.

_____ Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Ms. _____ Dr. Date: _____

Name: _____ Title _____

Organization: _____

If your organization is owned by an FHA-member hospital, please list name of hospital: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ County: _____

Note: Very Important! Applications must be completed entirely to be processed.

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____ Signature: _____

FHALink username: _____ Password: _____

I am applying for membership as a: **(Please check one)**

- _____ **Member (Type A)** - Employees of FHA-member institutions and those organizations owned by FHA-member institutions. (\$95)
- _____ **Associate (Type B)** - Individuals employed by organizations which provide services and products to, or have contracts with, FHA member institutions (example: attorneys, accountants, consultants, and managed care companies). (\$225)
- _____ **Non-Affiliate (Type C)** - Employees of hospitals that are not institutional members of the FHA. Non-affiliates are ineligible to hold officer and board positions in the professional membership groups. There also are restrictions to receive extra newsletters and FHALink. (\$360)
- _____ **Other Health Care Providers (Type D)** - Examples include: Free-standing ambulatory surgery centers not affiliated with a hospital; medical group practices; and home health agencies not affiliated with a hospital. (\$225)
- _____ **Educational Institutions & Government Agencies (Type E)** - State educational institutions and government offices and officials (except non-member government hospitals). Health care associations are included in this category. (\$95)
- _____ **Student (Type F)** - Full-time students enrolled in accredited universities and community colleges who are not employed full-time. A copy of your student I.D. is required with your membership application. Administrative residents of FHA member institutions also are included in this category. (\$40)

If you are already a member of another FHA professional society, please identify group _____

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| \$ _____ Attached is my check for membership | OR _____ Charge my Visa or Mastercard: |
| \$ _____ Total Dues Payment Enclosed | # _____ |
| | Expiration Date: _____ Amount of Charge \$ _____ |
| | Name as it appears on Card: _____ |
| | Signature: _____ |
| Please make dues check payable to Florida Hospital Association. Dues payment <u>must</u> accompany the application form. Membership will not be processed without the application and dues payment. | |

Return your completed application and dues remittance to: **Professional Membership, Florida Hospital Association, P.O. Box 531107, Orlando, FL 32853-1107 or Fax to 407-422-5948.**

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For FHA Use Only

Date Processed: _____ Amount \$ _____ Affiliation: _____

Membership Type: A B C D E F Newsletters: _____

Which society do you wish to join: (please check one)

_____ *Member at Large (Professional Membership of FHA **not** affiliated with a society)*

OR

- _____ Florida Academy of Healthcare Attorneys (FAHA)
- _____ Florida Association for Managed Care Professionals (FAMCP)
- * _____ Florida Association for Patient Financial Services (FAPFS)
- _____ Florida Association for Quality Coordinated Care (FAQCC)
- ** _____ Florida Association of Healthcare Government Relations Executives (FAHGRE)
- * _____ Florida Association of Healthcare Recruiters (FAHR)
- _____ Florida Healthcare Administrative Professionals Association (FHAPA)
- * _____ Florida Healthcare Corporate Compliance Association (FHCCA)
- _____ Florida Society for Healthcare Education and Training (FSHET)
- * _____ Florida Society for Healthcare Human Resources Administration (FSHHRA)
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- * _____ Florida Society for Hospital-Based Skilled Nursing Facilities (FSHSNF)
- * _____ Florida Society for Patient Representatives (FSPR)
- _____ Florida Society of Healthcare Environmental Services (FSHES)
- ** _____ Florida Society of Hospital Physician Executives (FSHPE)
- * _____ Hospital Home Care Association of Florida (HHCAF)
- _____ Hospital Wellness Association (HWA)

* These societies do not allow Associate members.

** These societies do not allow Non-Affiliate members.

Select your newsletters . . .

All Type A automatically receive *General News*, the PMG newsletter of your membership affiliation, and also are eligible to receive a choice of *unlimited* news categories.

All Type B, D, E or F automatically receive *General News*, the PMG newsletter of your membership affiliation, and your choice of *two* additional news categories.

Type C members receive *General News*, plus the newsletter of their chosen society only.

Weekly News

- Federal Advocacy
- Finance/Reimbursement
- General News (*automatic with membership*)
- Legal
- Regulations

Professional Membership Group (PMG) Newsletters

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ComplianceAlert | <input type="checkbox"/> JCAHO Update |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continuum of Care Connection | <input type="checkbox"/> NewSweep |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Healthcare Administrative Professionals Association News | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing Update |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Managed Care News | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Care Connection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FSHET Focus | <input type="checkbox"/> Rep's Review |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthy Accounts | <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Review |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HRAAlert | <input type="checkbox"/> RxPRN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> HWA Association Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Secureletter |