

# **Nashville: The Nation's Health Care Industry Capital**

## **NASHVILLE HEALTH CARE COUNCIL**

Nashville is widely recognized as a health care industry capital and global health care industry leader. With a reputation for nurturing dynamic, innovative health care companies, the city has a rich tradition of entrepreneurship and strong industry management talent. Nashville has helped shape the nation's health care landscape for the past four decades and continues to improve the delivery of patient care across the globe.

Not only a center of hospital management and related services, Nashville is home to a diversified industry with growth segments including ambulatory and outpatient surgery, dialysis, disease management, clinical research, health information technology and biotechnology. Among the industry leaders headquartered in Nashville are HCA, Community Health Systems, Emdeon, Brookdale Senior Living, Healthways, AmSurg and HealthSpring.

The city is also home to a strong professional services infrastructure supporting the health care community and boasts world-renowned academic and research institutions, including Vanderbilt University Medical Center and Meharry Medical College.

Key facts about Nashville's health care industry include:

- **The Nashville health care industry contributes an overall economic benefit of \$38 billion and more than 250,000 jobs to the local economy annually.**
- **Globally, Nashville's health care industry generates more than \$73 billion in revenue and over 500,000 jobs.**
- **Nearly 400 health care companies have operations in Nashville and work on multi-state, national or international basis, with more than 400 professional service firms (e.g., accounting, architecture, banking, legal) providing expertise in the health care industry.**
- **Sixteen publicly traded health care companies are located in Nashville.**
- **The health care industry is Nashville's largest and fastest growing employer.**
- **More than half of the country's for-profit hospital beds are operated by Middle Tennessee companies.**
- **A survey of Nashville Health Care Council member CEOs shows great confidence in the Nashville market; 95 percent indicated that a Nashville headquarters location is important to their company's positive performance.**

The Nashville Health Care Council, founded in 1995, is an association of health care industry leaders working together to further establish Nashville's position as the nation's health care industry capital. The Council promotes a favorable operating environment for health care businesses of all sizes, provides executives with timely information on key operational and policy challenges facing the industry, and establishes networking and mentoring opportunities.