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Partner organizations

LAC+USC Healthcare Network was founded in 1885 as a partnership between the County of Los Angeles and USC. The LAC+USC Healthcare Network is the nation's largest academic medical center and the largest single provider of health care in Los Angeles County. In 2004, the network provided more than one million ambulatory care visits; 40% of patients were uninsured and 68% were Latino. Although outpatient services are integrated into three large comprehensive health centers, the network partners with over 200 community clinics to provide primary care services and specialty care. Services are run by the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services and mental Health and staffed by university physicians.

COPE Health Solutions (COPE) is a nonprofit health care corporation whose mission is *Make Communities Healthier*. Since 1995, COPE has leveraged core competencies in the areas of strategic planning, hospital and health systems operations, health professions education, and preventive health services to grow into a diverse healthcare services, consulting and solutions company. These competencies uniquely qualify COPE to assist healthcare systems, safety net hospitals, clinics and other healthcare agencies with their strategic planning, performance measurement, customer service and related needs. COPE provides consulting, strategic and operational services to a variety of health care agencies and providers in five counties throughout Southern California and has developed strategies for replication of effective programs and services throughout the United States.

In partnership with the LAC+USC Healthcare Network and a number of community clinics, COPE has developed and implemented the Camino de Salud Network, a system that provides managed care for the uninsured and under-insured. The Vision of the Camino de Salud Network is a sustainable health care system with neighborhood access to primary care; enhanced access to specialty and diagnostic care; and the coordination of primary care with inpatient and outpatient specialty and diagnostic services.