



Healthcare Sustainability & ESG Readiness

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Learning Objectives



Examine the importance of prioritizing ESG and health equity within the healthcare industry



Discuss additional reporting frameworks and standards



Describe timely regulatory and compliance updates affecting the healthcare industry

Agenda



Sustainability & ESG State of Play



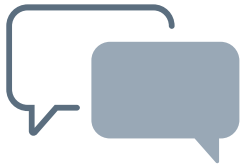
Sustainability in the Healthcare Industry



Health Equity in the United States



Healthcare and Climate



Discussion Question #1

How far along is your organization in its sustainability journey?

1

EXPERIENCED: Established strategies and top-down support

2

EMERGING: Strategies newly in place

3

NASCENT: Just getting started

4

NOT STARTED: No program/don't know



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Sustainability & ESG State of Play



Sustainability vs. ESG

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

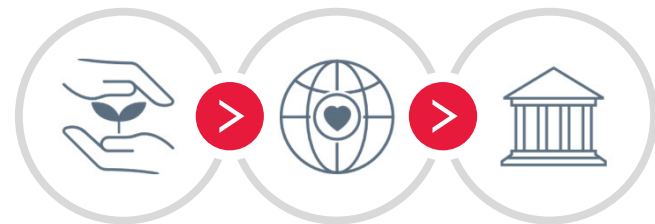
SUSTAINABILITY

Umbrella Term

- ▶ Refers to a company's efforts toward responsible and resilient business practices
- ▶ The ability to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs (United Nations Brundtland Commission, 1987)

ESG

- ▶ A mechanism to quantify and report on a company's sustainability efforts and goals
- ▶ Collection of data and measurement of metrics crucial to business managers and investors



Environmental

Social

Governance

Stakeholder Drivers for Sustainability

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

SOCIAL IMPACTS

GOVERNANCE IMPACTS

CAPITAL MARKETS

INVESTORS

- ▶ PE/investor requirements
- ▶ Transparent ESG disclosures
- ▶ Shareholder activism
- ▶ ESG ratings

LENDERS

- ▶ Sustainable lending
- ▶ Green bonds
- ▶ Capital/rates based on ESG ratings

OPERATIONS

REGULATORS

- ▶ Expanding regulations
- ▶ Pressure for disclosure











CUSTOMERS

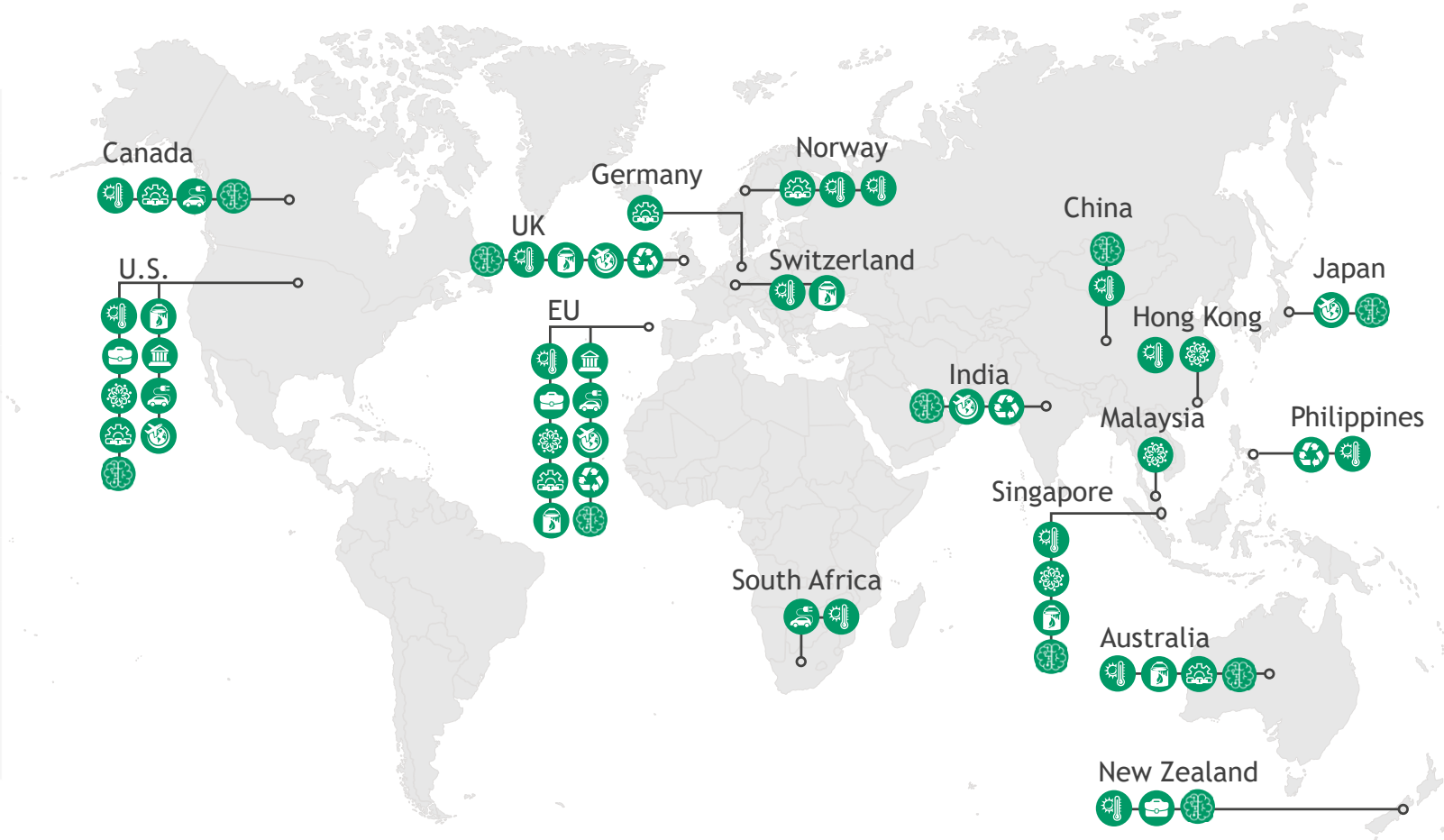
- ▶ Reputation and brand risk
- ▶ Customer expectations
- ▶ Competitive pressures
- ▶ Supply chain responsibility

EMPLOYEES

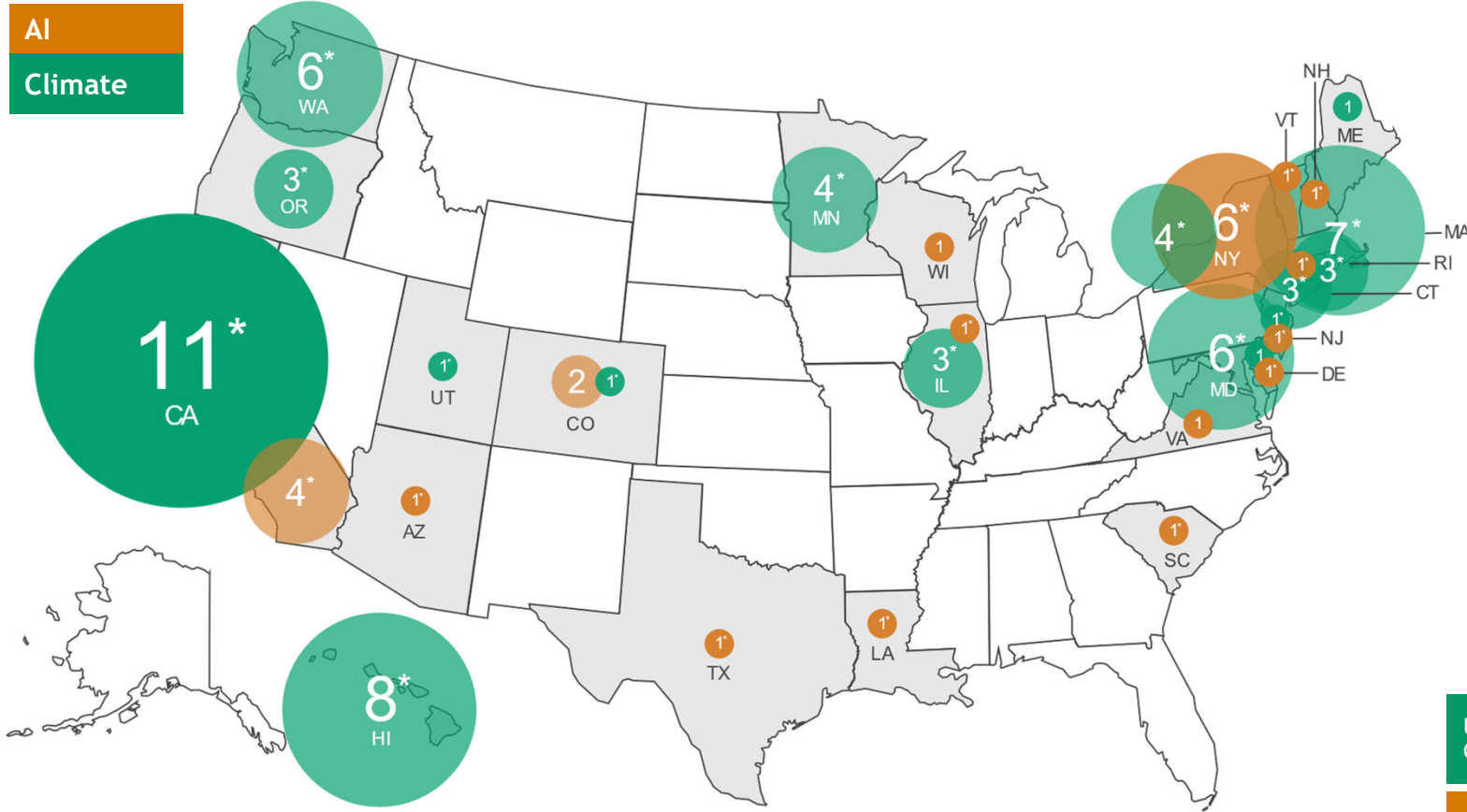
- ▶ Employee expectations
- ▶ Exec compensation tied to ESG performance

Expanding Sustainability Regulations

-  Artificial Intelligence
-  Assurance
-  Aviation
-  Circular Economy
-  Climate Reporting
-  DEI
-  Electric Vehicles
-  Greenwashing
-  Tax
-  Supply Chain Due Diligence (including Human Rights)



Climate & AI Regulations Across the U.S.



CLIMATE REGULATIONS	ENACTED	PROPOSED
California	5	6
Colorado		1
Connecticut	2	1
Delaware	1	
Hawaii	3	5
Illinois		3
Maine	1	
Maryland		6
Massachusetts		7
Minnesota	1	3
New Jersey		1
New York		4
Oregon	1	2
Rhode Island		3
Utah	1	
Washington	2	4
Total	17	46

AI REGULATIONS	ENACTED	PROPOSED
Arizona		1
California	3	1
Colorado	2	
Connecticut	1	
Delaware	1	
Illinois		1
Louisiana		1
New Jersey		1
New York	1	5
South Carolina		1
Texas		1
Vermont	1	
Wisconsin	1	
Total	10	12

U.S. Federal Climate Regulations **104**

U.S. Federal AI Regulations **13**

*Proposed and enacted as of March 12, 2024.
**2019-2024, †2022-2024

Expanding Standards, Frameworks, Assessments, Ratings and Rankings

Standards and Frameworks

For non-financial sustainability reporting



Assessments

Based on questionnaires/submissions



Ratings and Rankings

Based on public and/or private info



Steps Toward Reporting and Assurance Readiness

TAKING INVENTORY

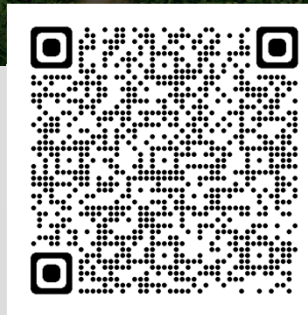
- ▶ Materiality assessment
- ▶ Competitive landscape
- ▶ Corporate story
- ▶ Reporting standards and frameworks
- ▶ Current state assessment

ESTABLISHING GOVERNANCE OVERSIGHT

- ▶ ESG roles
- ▶ ESG goals/objectives
- ▶ Third party resources
- ▶ Progress and accountability
- ▶ Continuing education
- ▶ Board strategy and ERM agenda

ESG REPORTING READINESS

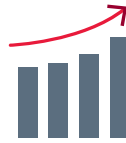
- ▶ Reporting requirements
- ▶ Quantitative measures and data
- ▶ Data collection (processes, policies, procedures)
- ▶ Control effectiveness
- ▶ Qualitative information
- ▶ Draft disclosures
- ▶ Review as reasonable shareholder
- ▶ Third party attestation value



Benefits of Becoming a More Sustainable Organization



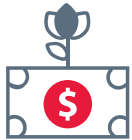
Bolsters reputation and brand



Drives competitive advantage



Helps drive innovation



Increases operational efficiencies



Drives value creation



Contributes to talent retention



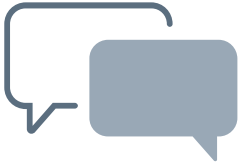
Enhances data quality



Identifies risks and builds resilience



Improves access to credit and investment



Discussion Question #2

Who is responsible for sustainability at your organization?

1

Chief Sustainability Officer

2

Sustainability Manager/Director/Lead

3

No dedicated staff/split roles

4

Don't know



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Sustainability & ESG Trends and Risks



Shift towards **value-based care** focused on quality rather than quantity



Shift towards **preventive care** through lifestyle medicine



Disparities in tech access and digital literacy - key barrier to **mHealth's** growth



Improving **health equity and access to healthcare** through innovations and community initiatives



Ensuring ethical usage of **artificial intelligence**



Digital health and electronic records key to **safeguarding patient data**



Ensuring responsible **supply chain practices** to mitigate risks

Material Sustainability & ESG Issues

ENVIRONMENT

- ▶ Biodiversity and resource use
- ▶ Climate change
- ▶ Ecological impacts
- ▶ **Energy management**
- ▶ Sustainable use of water
- ▶ **Waste and recycling, including chemical and biological waste**

SOCIAL

- ▶ Access and affordability
- ▶ Customer health and safety
- ▶ Employment practices
- ▶ **Health equity**
- ▶ Impact on communities
- ▶ **Patient privacy**
- ▶ Responsible marketing and labeling
- ▶ Sustainable products and services
- ▶ Workforce health and safety
- ▶ Workforce attraction and retention
- ▶ Working conditions

GOVERNANCE

- ▶ Board diversity
- ▶ Bribery
- ▶ **Business ethics**
- ▶ Cybersecurity and data privacy
- ▶ **Regulations**
- ▶ Risk management

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Sustainability & ESG Best Practices

Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning



- ▶ [Butterfly Network's](#) specializes in creating compact, AI-powered handheld ultrasound devices. Their technology, IQ, allows healthcare professionals to conduct ultrasound imaging on-site, be it in clinics, emergency situations, or remote areas
- ▶ [GE Healthcare's](#) offer digital solutions and maintenance for the entire encourage system refurbishment and recycling, and extend equipment life through software and hardware upgrades, such as AI-enhanced imaging and wider MRI bores for patient comfort

Digital Health & Telemedicine



- ▶ [Teladoc's](#) Health reduces travel to clinics, cutting carbon emissions, and extends healthcare access to underprivileged and remote areas, ensuring timely support for all, regardless of location or status
- ▶ [PlushCare](#) provides online doctor visits and prescription services, focusing on primary care and mental health. This model offers patients quick and convenient access to healthcare

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Sustainability & ESG Best Practices

Robotics & Automation



- ▶ [Xenex's](#) Germ-Zapping Robot and [UVD Robot's](#) contribute to SDG Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being) through their utilization of UV light for hospital sanitation, fostering a safer and more sustainable healthcare setting
- ▶ [Steris Corp's](#) automated waste management solutions for healthcare facilities, including robotic systems for the decontamination and disposal of medical waste. Their technologies help ensure that hazardous materials are handled safely, reducing the risk of infection and environmental contamination.

Electronic Health Records (EHRs)



- ▶ [Cerner's](#) electronic health records (EHR) and health IT solutions improve the efficiency of healthcare delivery, reducing paper waste and supporting better resource management.
- ▶ [Epic Systems Corp.'s](#) implementation of electronic prescribing, along with its reporting and analytics capabilities, contributes to the reduction of paper waste and promotes more efficient resource management

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Greenwashing in Sustainability

Greenwashing in healthcare occurs when companies falsely advertise their offerings as eco-friendly. This deception can be intentional to attract eco-aware customers, or accidental due to poor environmental claim validation. Companies may knowingly exaggerate their sustainability or unknowingly mislead due to insufficient information or reliance on unverified supplier claims.

Greenwashing includes:

- ▶ Misleading environmental claims
- ▶ Selective disclosures
- ▶ Vague or ambiguous language
- ▶ Inadequate environmental management systems
- ▶ Overreliance on supplier claims

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Industry Subsectors and Leaders

Hospitals, Health Systems and Academic Medical Centers



Long-Term Care



Physician Groups, Behavioral Health and Ambulatory Care



Other Medical Services and Managed Care








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Leader ESG Disclosure Information

Category	Sustainability Report	Reporting Maturity (In Years)	Reporting Frameworks Disclosed?	Materiality Assessment Disclosed?	Materiality Assessment Conclusions	Emissions Disclosure			3rd Party Attestation Performed?	DEI disclosure?	Governance-specific ESG Disclosure
						Scope 1	Scope 2	Scope 3			
HOSPITALS, HEALTH SYSTEMS AND ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS											
Tenet Healthcare Corporation	Yes	3	SASB, TCFD	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Universal Health Services, Inc	Yes	3	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
HCA (Hospital corp. of America)	Yes	13	GRI, SBTi, SASB, TCFD, CDP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Common Spirit Health	Yes	2	CDP, SBTi	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
LONG-TERM CARE											
Amedisys	Yes	2	SASB	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Addus Homecare	No	0	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Brookdale Senior Living	Yes	3	SASB	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
The Ensign Group	Yes	1	SASB	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
PHYSICIAN GROUPS, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND AMBULATORY CARE											
Envision Healthcare	Yes	2	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Fresenius	Yes	7	CDP, SASB, SDG, TCFD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
DaVita	Yes	5	SASB, TCFD, SBTi, SDG, CDP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Agilon Health	Yes	2	CDP	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES AND MANAGED CARE											
CVS Health/ Aetna	Yes	17	GRI, SDG, SASB, CDP, COH4B, TCFD, SBTi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Quest Diagnostics	Yes	12	SASB, SDG, CDP	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
UnitedHealth Group	Yes	4	SASB, CDP, SBTi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Labcorp	Yes	13	GRI, SASB, TCFD, CDP, UNGC, SBTi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Leader ESG Rating Comparison

					
Scoring Scale	F-A	D- to A+	CCC-AAA	0-100	0-40+
HOSPITALS HEALTH SYSTEMS AND ACADEMIC MEDICAL CENTERS					
Tenet Healthcare Corporation	Climate-F, Water-F	C	N/A	30 (PD+CR)	34.6
Universal Health Services, Inc	Climate-F, Water-F	C	CCC	22 (PD+CR)	30.8
HCA (Hospital corp. of America)	N/A	C	AA	27 (PD+CR)	28.8
Common Spirit Health	Climate - B	N/A	N/A	Locked	34.2
LONG TERM CARE					
Amedisys	Climate-F	C-	N/A	Not Participated	23.9
Addus Homecare	Climate-F	D+	N/A	Locked	18.5
Brookdale Senior Living	Climate-F	C-	N/A	Locked	33.9
The Ensign Group	N/A	C-	N/A	25 (PD+CR)	32.1
PHYSICIAN GROUPS, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND AMBULATORY CARE					
Envision Healthcare	N/A	N/A	N/A	Locked	N/A
Fresenius SE & Co. KGaA	Climate-B, Water-B	B-	A	53 (PD+CR)	18.2
DaVita	Climate-A-, Water-B	C	AA	62 (PD+CR)	22.2
Agilon Health	Climate-F	D+	N/A	22 (PD+CR)	26
OTHER MEDICAL SERVICES AND MANAGED CARE					
CVS Health Corporation	Climate-A-, Forest-B, Water-B	C	BBB	64 (PD+CR)	22
Quest Diagnostics	Climate-C, Water-F	C	AAA	56 (PD+CR)	21.1
UnitedHealth Group	Climate-B	C+	AA	66 (PD+CR)	15.3
Labcorp	Climate-B	C	AA	33 (PD+CR)	19.7

Sources: [CDP](#), [ISS ESG](#), [MCSI](#), [S&P](#), [SUSTAINALYTICS](#)

HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY Sustainability & ESG Reporting: Competitive Set

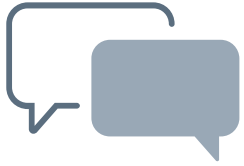
Information also available upon request for Healthcare industry subsectors:

- ▶ Hospitals Health Systems and Academic Medical Centers
- ▶ Long Term Care
- ▶ Physician Groups, Behavioral Health and Ambulatory Care
- ▶ Other Medical Services and Managed Care

The focus is on “Other Medical Services and Managed Care” due to high disclosure and reporting maturity for leader’s companies. ESG disclosures were sourced from company websites (in ESG/sustainability sections) or their sustainability reports.



ENVIRONMENT				
Biodiversity and land use	-	-	-	X
Climate change and resilience	X	X	X	X
Energy management	X	X	X	X
Greenhouse gas emissions	X	X	X	X
Waste management	X	X	X	X
Water management	X	X	X	X
SOCIAL				
Community support and engagement	X	X	X	X
Employee diversity, equity and inclusion	X	X	X	X
Employee training and development	X	X	X	X
Employee wellbeing	X	X	X	X
Human rights	X	X	X	X
Supply chain integrity and responsible sourcing	X	X	X	X
Talent attraction, development and retention	X	X	X	X
GOVERNANCE				
Business integrity, anti-bribery and anti-corruption	X	X	X	X
Data privacy and security	X	X	X	X
Political contributions	X	X	X	X
ESG REPORTING & DISCLOSURES				
Sustainability report	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Reporting maturity (in years)	17	12	4	13
Reporting frameworks disclosed?	GRI, SDG, COH4B, CDP, SBTi, SASB, TCFD	SASB, CDP	SASB, CDP, SBTi	GRI, SASB, TCFD, CDP, UNGC, SBTi
Materiality assessment disclosed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Materiality assessment conclusions	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scope 1 and 2 emissions disclosure?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Scope 3 emissions disclosure?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Third party assurance performed?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Diversity, equity and inclusion disclosure?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Discussion Question #3

Are you reporting on your sustainability?

1

Annual report with ESG information

2

Website/some external communications

3

No external reporting

4

Don't know



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Health Equity in the United States



Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

CMS programs cover more than 160 million people across the country through the 3Ms - Medicare, Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and the Marketplace

Medicaid

- ▶ Among Latino, Black, and American Indian and Alaska Native individuals, **40%** of U.S. births financed by Medicaid
- ▶ Black non-Latino, American Indian/Alaska Native individuals face **2-3x** higher pregnancy-related mortality than Whites
- ▶ Children made up **46.1%** of total Medicaid and CHIP enrollment in 49 states

Marketplace

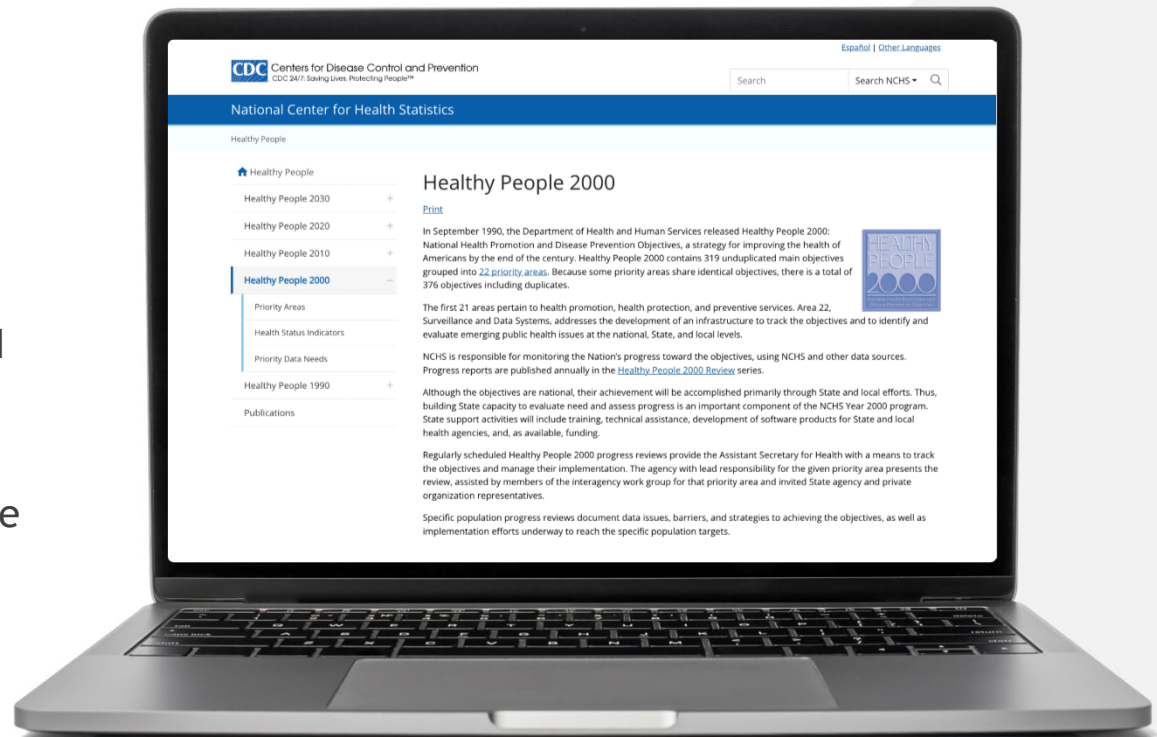
- ▶ ACA Marketplace outreach:
 - **49%** for Black consumers
 - **53%** for Latinos
 - **32%** for American Indian/Alaska Native individuals since 2020

Medicare

- ▶ Annual savings of **19 million** hours in paperwork for aged and disabled people, and over **2 million** hours in state administrative burden
- ▶ Aimed to support **1.2 million** aged and disabled people in affording Medicare coverage and health care costs

CMS: Health Equity Framework

- ▶ The CMS Health Equity Framework aligns with the [Healthy People 2000 Framework](#) and broader HHS efforts to prioritize health equity and reduce disparities.
- ▶ It supports the ambitious goals set by CMS for Medicaid, CHIP, and the CMS Innovation Center, emphasizing the need for dedicated efforts to address health inequalities and disparities.
- ▶ The Framework for Health Equity details five strategic priorities to guide the agency's actions over the next decade, aiming to operationalize health equity and address disparities in underserved communities.



CMS Health Equity Framework

5 PRIORITY AREAS



PRIORITY 1: Enhance the gathering, documentation, and evaluation of uniform data



PRIORITY 2: Investigate the reasons behind discrepancies in CMS programs, and amend inequities in policies and procedures to eliminate disparities



PRIORITY 3: Strengthen the competence of health care entities and personnel to diminish health and healthcare disparities



PRIORITY 4: Promote language support, health comprehension, and the delivery of culturally specific services



PRIORITY 5: Boost the overall accessibility to health care services and insurance coverage

CMS Action Plan on Sickle Cell Disease

WHO DOES IT IMPACT?

100,000*

Individuals affected in the United States

(the majority of whom are Black, African American, and/or Hispanic)



● 11% are enrolled in Medicare

● Approximately Half of people with SCD are enrolled in Medicaid

CMS SCD ACTION PLAN KEY AREAS

1

Expanding coverage and access

2

Improving quality and the continuum of care

3

Advancing equity and engagement

4

Examining data and analytics

*Approximately
Source: [CMS](#)

Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)

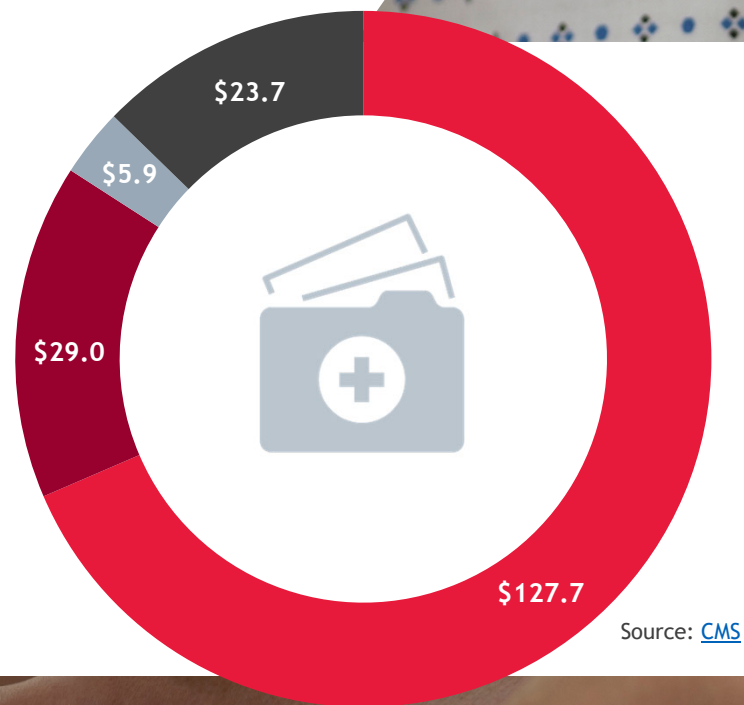
FY 2024 RULE

Under IPPS, hospitals receive a fixed payment for Medicare inpatient stays, based on the patient's condition and treatment, not the actual care cost.

INPATIENT HOSPITAL MEDICARE PROGRAM PAYMENTS

(in Billions) by Type of Service in 2022

- Hospice \$23.7
- Home Health Agency \$5.9
- Skilled Nursing Facility \$29.0
- Inpatient, Hospital \$127.7



Source: [CMS](#)

CMS Health Equity Adjustment Bonus

- ▶ CMS is adding a bonus to the Hospital Value Based Purchasing Program to encourage hospitals to focus on health equity
- ▶ Starting in FY 2026, CMS aims to financially reward hospitals for improving care for underserved populations
- ▶ CMS targets patients enrolled in both Medicare and Medicaid as underserved, because research shows they're at higher risk of poor health outcomes, making them a focus for health equity initiatives



How Will the Health Equity Adjustment be Calculated?

Measure Performance Scaler

- ▶ Hospital's performance for patients with dual eligibility status (DES) across four domains:
 - Clinical
 - Cost & Efficiency
 - Safety
 - Person and Community Engagement
- ▶ Number of points awarded based on performance across all hospitals for the domain, ranging as follows:
 - 4 - performance falls in top third
 - 2 - performance falls in middle third
 - 0 - performance falls in bottom third
- ▶ Hospitals can receive a maximum of 16 points

Underserved Multiplier

- ▶ Number of inpatient stays for patients with DES out of the total number of inpatient Medicare stays during the **calendar year** two years before the start of the respective program year
 - Example - FY26 program year - use of total number of inpatient stays from 1/1/24 - 12/31/24
- ▶ A logistic exchange function will then be applied to the DES patients, as sourced from the State Medicare Modernization Act file of dual eligible beneficiaries, as demonstrated by the following formula:

$$\text{Underserved Multiplier} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-(-5 + 10 \cdot \frac{\text{Dual Rank}}{\text{Max Dual Rank}})}}$$

- ▶ Reflected as a whole number ranging from 0.0 to 1.0 (0% to 100%)

Health Equity Adjustment

HEA Bonus Points Calculation

- ▶ Product of the measure of performance scaler and the underserved multiplier
- ▶ Maximum HEA bonus points are capped at **10**
- ▶ Added to Total Performance Score (TPS)
- ▶ Designed to award higher points for hospitals that:
 - Serve greater percentages of underserved populations (hospital patients with DES who receive inpatient services), **and**
 - Have higher quality performance
- ▶ Begins with **FY26** program year

Example of HEA Bonus Points Calculation

Assumptions:

- ▶ Measure Performance Scaler (**A**)
 - Clinical - Top third 4
 - Cost & Efficiency - Middle third 2
 - Safety - Top third 4
 - Person and Community Engagement - Bottom third 0**10**
- ▶ Underserved Multiplier (**B**)
 - DES population after logistic function is 40% **0.4**
- ▶ **Health Equity Adjustment Bonus Points (C) 4.0**

$$(A) \times (B) = (C)$$



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Health Equity is Hot, But...

- ▶ Environmental impacts are also key considerations
- ▶ Climate change is an important factor to the public right now
- ▶ Acknowledging and addressing climate change is something that healthcare organizations should include in their go-forward strategy
- ▶ Consequences of climate change to be considered are addressed on the following slides



Rising Costs: The Inevitable Consequence of Business as Usual

COST HEADWINDS

- ▶ Health system expenditures
- ▶ Supply chain costs
- ▶ Energy costs



CLIMATE TRENDS

- ▶ U.S. hospitals will lose out on **\$15B** of savings over 10 years if they don't reduce energy and water consumption or commit to more efficient OR purchasing.
- ▶ The average U.S. neurological department loses **\$2.9M** annually in savings because it uses and wastes unnecessary items in surgery.
- ▶ Authorities such as the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services are proposing new requirements for hospitals to cut emissions and may penalize poorly-performing facilities.

Losing Talent to Greener Employers Weakens Future Talent Pool

TALENT HEADWINDS

- ▶ Retention
- ▶ Satisfaction
- ▶ Engagement



CLIMATE TRENDS

- ▶ **75%** of U.S. millennials said that they would take a pay cut to work at a company with strong environmental values.
- ▶ Nearly **40%** of U.S. millennials—who will make up three-quarters of the workforce in six years—have chosen a job because of company sustainability.
- ▶ **70%** of U.S. workers said that if a company had a strong sustainability plan, it would affect their decision to stay with that company long term.

Patients Favor Providers with a Proactive Stance on Climate Change

PATIENT HEADWINDS

- ▶ Patient Loyalty
- ▶ Patient Choice



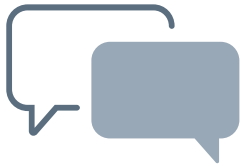
CLIMATE TRENDS

- ▶ **94%** of U.S. patients consider a hospital's sustainability programs to be important.
- ▶ **70%** of consumers in the U.S. and Canada think it is important that a brand is sustainable or eco-friendly.
- ▶ **75%** of U.S. millennials are willing to pay more for an environmentally sustainable product, compared to 57% of baby boomers.

Examples of Healthcare Environmental Solutions



per HFMA



Discussion Question #4

Would you like to speak with any of our presenters about the content in today's webcast?

1

Yes, I would like to speak with **Venson Wallin**

2

Yes, I would like to speak with **Karen Baum**

3

Yes, I would like to speak with **Jesse Hertstein**

4

No, thank you



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