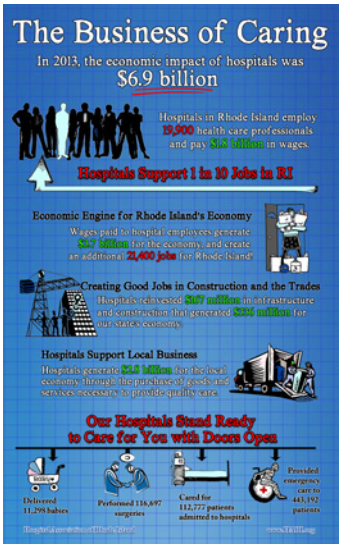
Hospitals Are an Economic Engine to Rhode Island Economy

Hospital Economic Activity Generates 41,000 Jobs and $6.9 Billion

CRANSTON – The Hospital Association of Rhode Island (HARI) released its annual economic impact report recently, which detailed $6.9 billion in economic contributions. Highlights of hospitals' economic impact in 2013 include:

- Employing 19,900 health care professionals
- Supporting 21,400 jobs with economic activity
- Paying $1.8 billion in wages
- Generating $2.8 billion for the local economy through purchasing goods and services
- Dedicating $167 million to improving facilities and upgrading technology

"Our industry is vital to the state's economy and health," said Michael R. Souza, HARI president. "Hospitals support one in ten jobs in Rhode Island. We're an economic engine that is providing Rhode Islanders with well-paying jobs and supporting local business. State leaders must make the appropriate investments to secure our role in the state's economy."

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