

Keck School of Medicine of USC
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Guest Speaker Series

“Health Care Delivery Innovation in the Safety Net”



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Date: Wednesday, October 5, 2016

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Note: Lunch will be served before the seminar at 11:30 am

Location: Aresty Auditorium, Harlyne J. Norris Research Tower

John Baackes is Chief Executive Officer of L.A. Care Health Plan. Mr. Baackes brings more than 30 years of health care experience. Before joining L.A. Care, he served as president of Philadelphia-based AmeriHealth Caritas VIP Plans where he oversaw the Medicare Advantage business unit. Prior to that position, Mr. Baackes was CEO of Senior Whole Health in Cambridge, MA, a voluntary health care plan for more than 10,000 low-income seniors in Massachusetts and New York. Throughout his career, Mr. Baackes has served in a number of executive leadership roles across the health care industry, including Senior Vice President for Group Health Incorporated in Albany, NY; President of Kaiser Permanente's Northeast division in Latham, NY; and CEO of Community Health Plan, also in Latham. He is also a trustee at Southern Vermont College. Mr. Baackes holds a Bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, and is a native of Evanston, IL. In this seminar, Mr. Baackes will describe his views on the future of health care delivery in the safety-net, with a focus on Los Angeles County.