

## Biography

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*Thornton Kirby, President and CEO of the  
South Carolina Hospital Association*

Mr. Kirby oversees a wide range of activities on behalf of the state's 92 hospitals, including policy development and legislative advocacy, as well as efforts to improve the quality and safety of patient care. Under Thornton's leadership the Hospital Association has been nationally recognized for its work to transform health care in South Carolina through a transition from quality improvement to high reliability. He is a health care attorney and a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives.