

VIII. CONCLUSION

Nashville is truly the epicenter of the health care industry in the nation. Indicators utilized in this study demonstrate that Nashville's health care industry has a substantial impact on the MSA's economy and plays a critical role in shaping the future of the health care industry landscape across the globe. Confirming this is the presence of health care company headquarters and the flow of venture and private equity capital to the Nashville area. Overwhelmingly, NHCC member companies confirm that a Nashville location is important to their business. These member companies play a vital role in the Nashville MSA economy. A missing but important factor from this analysis is the impact of corporate citizenship of these global companies on the local economy. Additional growth opportunities are suggested in health information technologies, as well as policies surrounding the implementation of health care reform and an emphasis on global growth and economic development.

