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## THE TOP 25 MINORITY EXECUTIVES IN HEALTHCARE

Michael Butler, acting CEO, Louisiana State University Health Care Services Division

**Cover Story** Barbara Kirshenbaum

# SUSTAINABLE DIVERSITY

*This year's Top 25 Minority Executives in Healthcare highlights leadership diversity, but some question the true level of inclusion*

### Cover Story

#### Rainier Gonzalez

A Cuban native who emigrated to the U.S. at age 7 as part of the Mariel boatlift exodus in 1980, Rainier Gonzalez, now 35, was a successful business owner and attorney when he was approached about buying a financially failing hospital in Cameron, La. He bought the hospital and created Pacer Health Corp., Miami Lakes, Fla., the company he now heads as chairman and chief executive officer. Today, the 5-year-old company owns three acute-care hospitals, one skilled-nursing facility, one psychiatric facility, a rural health clinic, two specialty practices and a multispecialty clinic and imaging center, all in the Southeast. Four of the firm's five top executives are Cuban or Cuban-American.

