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Jai Kumar serves as the Executive Vice President of CaroNova, a health innovation incubator dedicated to advancing care transformation, policy reform, and systems change. In his role, Mr. Kumar ensures that all new initiatives are strategically aligned with CaroNova's mission and oversees the organization's communications and policy development teams.

Prior to joining CaroNova, Mr. Kumar held the position of Vice President of Innovation at the North Carolina Healthcare Association (NCHA), where he collaborated with hospitals and health systems to develop public-private solutions addressing the opioid crisis, enhanced healthcare workforce strategies, and promoted access to care. Earlier in his career, he served as Senior Director at the YMCA of the Triangle, where he led initiatives in youth development and inclusive programming.

Mr. Kumar holds a Master's in Public Health Policy and Management from the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and a Bachelor's in Biological Sciences from North Carolina State University.

