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**2016 Annual
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Advocacy Campaigns

Highlight Your Innovation During National Health Center Week

National Health Center Week is August 7-13 and is a



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time to celebrate our health centers and the communities we serve. This year's theme, **Celebrating America's Health Centers: Innovators in Community Health**, lends itself to highlight the creativity and uniqueness of each health center. In addition, the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) has expanded the [theme](#) days to highlight the breadth of our work. Please be sure to 1) Add your event to the calendar. If you're hosting an event in the month of August, please add it [here](#). This helps both NACHC and CPCA direct sponsorship opportunities, as they become available. 2) Integrate voter registration and education into your event. To sign-up for a tool-kit and materials click [here](#) 3) Prepare for the video and photo contest. CPCA invites you to use the CalChat platform to upload your 2-5 minute video on health center innovation. The contest begins August 1 and submission details can be found [here](#).

CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates: Government Affairs Weekly Update Call

CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates Government Affairs Weekly Update Call is hosted every Wednesday / 11–11:30 a.m., but may end earlier if subject matter is covered before 11:30 a.m. If you would like an update on a specific issue covered by any of our Government Affairs staff, please send your request to Beth Malinowski at beth@healthplusadvocates.org the Monday preceding our Wednesday call. We will be providing a federal update and an update on each of our sponsored bills. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008 / Conference Room: 616 822 842#.

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Join the CaliforniaHealth+ Movement Today!

CaliforniaHealth+ is an innovative new vision and brand to educate patients about the benefits of California's community clinics and health centers (CCHCs). CaliforniaHealth+ represents the "plus" that CCHCs offer their patients by going beyond primary care to encompass a whole health approach. Have your clinic or health center representative go through the online Rapid Recognition process by [clicking here](#).

For more information about CaliforniaHealth+, contact Val Sheehan, Director of Development & External Relations, vsheehan@cpc.org or (916) 440-8170.

CPCA News

CPCA CEO Opines in Sacramento Bee on Mental Health Public Policy

The Sacramento Bee featured an opinion article by CPCA CEO Carmela Castellano-Garcia this week titled “We’ve missed chances to boost mental health.” In the article, Castellano-Garcia cites opportunities to improve the mental health system that have so far been missed in state and federal legislation.

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Take a look at CPCA’s Annual Conference website!

Together Towards Tomorrow is the theme of the 2016 CPCA Annual Conference, the premier industry event providing attendees with fresh educational content, abundant networking opportunities, and access to cutting-edge expertise. This year’s event will not disappoint with renown keynote speakers, an even bigger tradeshow than prior years, and new, exciting features you won’t want to miss! Being held in Long Beach, California on October 27th & 28th (with a pre-conference event on Wednesday, October 26th), we’ll be bringing together over 800 key decision makers and leadership from hundreds of health centers across the state. For more information and to register, please [click here](#).

Healthcare Quality & Equity Action Forum

Early-Bird registration ends on July 31st for The Disparities Solutions Center’s “Healthcare Quality and Equity Action Forum” being held September 29th & 30th in Boston. Leaders from multiple disciplines and health care organizations who work in the areas of quality and safety; disparities, diversity and equity; health policy; and health care design and delivery, as well as anyone interested in these fields, will find the Forum to be a unique and worthwhile experience.

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Health Center Operations

Accurate Provider Directory Law to Go Into Effect in July

SB 137 was signed into law last October, and will require health plans to publish accurate provider directories by July 1, 2016. Accurate directories will require health plans to verify provider information with all contracted providers, and may result in health centers receiving many validation requests. California Health+ Advocates has created a webpage with an [overview](#) of the requirements of the law, and questions can be directed to Meaghan at meaghan@healthplusadvocates.org.

Improving Oral Health Care for Pregnant Women and Infants in Sonoma County

July 22, 2016, the CDPH Oral Health Program, which aims to improve the oral health of high-risk pregnant women and infants, and the Sonoma County Department of Health Services, are co-hosting a no-cost educational seminar and workshop for Sonoma County medical and dental professionals. The event, "Improving Oral Health Care for Pregnant Women and Infants in Sonoma County," unites medical and dental professionals with a mutual understanding of current practice guidelines, best practices and case studies, and features local champions currently improving the delivery of oral health care within the community. The state dental director and subject matter experts from throughout California will be featured at the event.

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Symposium: Virtual Dental Home System of Care

The Pacific Center for Special Care at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry will be holding a one day continuing dental education program on the Virtual Dental Home to share this innovative delivery system. Attendees will learn about what it takes to create a successful telehealth team using effective internal and external communication, administrative structure and management, and site and team selection, as well as practical information on

billing for teledentistry services, registering intermittent clinics, and other regulatory procedures.

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Interim Therapeutic Restoration and Radiographic Decision-Making

The Pacific Center for Special Care at the University of the Pacific, Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry will be hosting an Interim Therapeutic Restoration and Radiographic Decision-Making certification program is a 30-unit continuing education program for dental hygienists. Directed by Dr. Paul Glassman, this blended course incorporates online, home study and in-person clinical training and is the sole educational program that satisfies the Dental Hygiene Committee of California requirement. The goal of this program is to provide information, techniques, and clinical training to prepare registered dental hygienists to perform the Interim Therapeutic Restoration (ITR) procedures and to prepare dentists on treatment planning and evaluation of ITRs. In addition, dental hygienists will learn to determine which radiographs to perform on a patient for the specific purpose of facilitating an initial examination by the supervising dentist.

[Register Now](#)

Webinar Recording: S2S Loan Repayment Program for Dental Students

Last week the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) held a Students to Service (S2S) Webinar to learn more about the dental component of the program. NHSC staff went over the application process, program eligibility, and service commitment. View the recording [here](#) and look for more information by visiting the [S2S website](#).

CDPH's Community Health Worker Survey

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), in partnership with CPCA seeks to improve the health

of all Californians and recognizes the best practice support by adding CHWs to the health system team base to improve diabetes and high blood pressure control. Please take approximately 10 minutes to complete this important [survey](#). The survey findings will provide essential data to determine what type of support; training and technical assistance is needed to enhance the skills of Community Health Workers statewide and further coordination of improved community clinical linkages for the benefit of patients with diabetes and high blood pressure. If you have questions regarding the survey, please feel free to contact Robert Thurman, Health Program Specialist at Robert.Thurman@cdph.ca.gov.

The California Immunization Registry: Moving Together to CAIR2

The California Immunization Registry (CAIR) is in the process of being updated to a bigger, better and faster immunization information system, called CAIR2. All existing immunization data from the regional registries in California are being combined into one system, so you will be able to access immunization information from across the state in the future. The [CAIR2 webpage](#) provides lots of information such as a [checklist](#), [registries](#), [when you'll be moving](#) and much more. The California Department of Public Health wants to make sure that providers using CAIR successfully transition to CAIR2 and are considering hosting a webinar to assist with cleaning up EHR submission errors via data exchange before transitioning. If you have a contact person for any EHR user groups that they can reach out to, send information to Natalie.Nakahara@cdph.ca.gov.

Immigration Policy Update

Department of Justice Seeks Rehearing in DACA/DAPA Case

In an unusual though not unprecedented move, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) filed for rehearing in *United States v. Texas*, the case that has prevented Obama Administration immigration actions from moving forward. Expansion of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) and creation of Deferred Action for Parents of Americans and Lawful Permanent Residents (DAPA) have been blocked by a nationwide preliminary injunction issued over one year ago. On June 23, 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the injunction on a 4-4 vote. The high court is

operating with a vacancy due to Justice Scalia's death earlier this year. The Senate has refused to hold confirmation hearings on the president's appointment of 2nd Circuit Chief Judge Merrick Garland to succeed Scalia. The DOJ brief specifically requests rehearing before a full 9-member Court. Two other tied cases decided after Scalia's death were denied rehearing.

Medi-Cal Update

Medi-Cal NewsFlash: Family PACT Offers Interim Alternative to Requesting a TAR

The article titled "[Family PACT Offers Interim Alternative to Requesting a TAR](#)" was posted to the NewsFlash area of the Medi-Cal website on July 19, 2016.

Outreach & Enrollment

Covered California Rates for 2017

Covered California has announced rates for its health insurance plans for 2017. The statewide average change will be 13.2%, up from approximately 4% in each of the last two years. While the rate increase is higher this year, the average rate increase over the last three years amounts to 7%, which is lower than the rate increases before the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was enacted. This year's increase reflects a one-time adjustment due to the end of reinsurance, a three-year program to help stabilize rates in the early years of the ACA, which expires Dec. 31st of this year. Additionally, the cost of specialty drugs is driving up premiums, and two of our major plans seem to have had a high number of people enrolling and needing care during special enrollment. [Click here](#) to read the full press release.

State Legislative Update

Primary Care Workforce Funding in the State Budget

The enacted California FY 2016-17 Budget, signed by Governor Brown on June 27, included a \$100 million commitment to support and expand primary care residency programs and help recruit physicians to practice in medically underserved areas. CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates has created an FAQ and webcast to answer general question around residency funding and loan repayment, please [click here](#) to view the FAQ and [here](#) to view the webcast.

State Legislature on Summer Break Until August 1

The California State Legislature adjourned for summer recess July 1 and will not return to Sacramento until Aug. 1. The summer recess provides the Advocates team, legislative and administration staff the opportunity to work through complicated legislation prior to the end of the legislative session in September. For an explanation of each of the sponsored bills and their status, please [click here](#). If you have any questions or comments, please contact Beth Malinowski at beth@healthplusadvocates.org.

CPCA Legislative Tracking List

CPCA is currently tracking more than 100 individual bills currently moving through the state legislature. To review the full list of bills we are tracking, including those we support, please [click here](#). If you have any questions or comments, please contact Beth Malinowski at beth@healthplusadvocates.org.



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