

The California Telehealth Policy Coalition

The Coalition is the collaborative effort of over 60 statewide organizations and individuals who meet monthly to discuss emerging telehealth policy issues in California and identify cooperative means of advancing California telehealth policy. The group was established in 2011 when AB 415 (The Telehealth Advancement Act) was introduced and continues as telehealth becomes more integral in the delivery of health services in California. Convened by the Center for Connected Health Policy, the Coalition membership's diversity of organizations reflects telehealth's potential scope and reach telehealth can have on the health and wellbeing of the state's population.

Through the collaboration of the group's diverse members, the Coalition aims to create a better landscape for health care access, care coordination, and reimbursement through and for telehealth.

Coalition Mission and Vision

When vetting priorities and forming its agenda to support activities and legislation, the Coalition applies the following principles:

- Promote access and coverage.
- Enhance care coordination.
- Promote provider and patient engagement.
- Reinforce clinical quality.
- Ensure data privacy and security.

2019 Successes

Thus far in 2019, the Coalition's accomplishments have included the following:

- Record passage of seven bills related to telehealth through the legislature that were sent to the Governor's desk, several due to both the individual and collective efforts of members
- Submission of a letter of support for A.B. 744 to promote telehealth coverage and payment parity throughout the state
- Addition of over 20 new members representing payers, law firms and school districts, among others
- Hosting a telehealth policy briefing in Sacramento to educate lawmakers and staff on emerging telehealth policy needs in California

Looking to the Future

The Coalition is currently setting priorities and planning activities for 2020, which include broadening coverage of and access to telehealth services, expanding reporting to state agencies on telehealth data, and supporting efforts to require state agencies to devote resources to telehealth.

The Coalition would also like to bring other motivated organizations into its fold. For more information, contact Trey Bierman at the Center for Connected Health Policy at treyb@cchpca.org.

Member Organizations

- AARP
- Adventist Health
- AHEAD
- America's Physician Groups
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice
- Beacon Health Options
- BKY Consulting
- Blue Shield of California
- CalHIPSO
- California Academy of Physician Assistants
- California Commission on Aging
- California Dental Hygienists' Association
- California Department of Public Health
- California Health and Wellness
- California Health Collaborative
- California Health Information Association
- California Hospital Association
- California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association
- California Chronic Care Coalition
- California Medical Association
- California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
- California Primary Care Association
- California School Based Health Alliance
- California State University Chico
- California Telehealth Network
- California Telehealth Resource Center
- Center for Autism & Related Disorders
- The Center for Technology & Aging
- Center for Care Innovations
- Central California Alliance for Health
- Children's Specialty Care Coalition
- The Children's Partnership
- Citizen Advocacy Center
- Clinical Informatics
- Coalition for Compassionate Care of California
- Coalition for Multi-State Licensure in California Nurses Taskforce
- Cognivive
- Community Health Center Network
- Connecting to Care
- DirectDerm
- Doctor On Demand
- Essential Access Health
- Family Voices of California
- Health Access
- Healthcare Interpreter Network
- Health Plan of San Joaquin
- Hooper, Lundy & Bookman, PC
- KP Public Affairs
- Latino Coalition for a Health California
- Local Health Plans of California
- Loma Linda University Health
- MAVEN Project
- mPulse
- MVM Strategy Group
- National Alliance for Medicaid in Education
- National Association of Community Health Centers
- National Health Law Program
- The National MS Society
- Noteware Government Relations
- Oakland USD
- OCHIN
- Pacific Business Group on Health
- Partnership Health Plan
- Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California
- PresenceLearning
- Providence St. Joseph Health
- Providence Health & Services
- Public Health Institute
- Rady Children's Hospital – San Diego
- Sacramento Case Management Society of America
- San Francisco Health Plan
- Scripps Health
- Sharp HealthCare
- Stanford Children's Health
- Stanford Health Care
- Steinberg Institute
- Sutter Health
- TeleMed2U
- Tusk Strategies
- University of California, Davis
- University of California, Davis Medical Center
- University of California, San Francisco
- University of California, Office of the President
- University of the Pacific
- West Health
- Western Center on Law and Poverty
- Wildflower Health
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