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Welcome to America's Physician Groups' *California Update*. Each week APG reports the latest on health care happenings in the Golden State.

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DMHC Begins Stakeholder Process For Implementation Of SB 306 Prior Authorization Exclusions

The Department of Managed Health Care has announced that it will begin stakeholder meetings in December to receive input on how best to implement the provisions of [SB 306](#), which was signed into law by Governor Newsom in October.

The new law authorizes both DMHC and the California Department of Insurance to pull data from health plans and insurers on approval rates for prior authorization. The data pull will begin in mid 2026, from which both regulators will review for approval rates of services at or above 90 percent. A second cut at the data will apply mitigating factors, including potential for increased cost escalation, fraud waste and abuse and patient safety. Both regulators will issue their final lists that require the exclusion of the identified services by payers in their prior authorization processes no later than January 1, 2028. The law will remain in effect until 2034.

APG has made an Implementation Guide available [here](#).

APG is gathering input from its members for the stakeholder process.
Contact Bill Barcellona.



What's Next For Provider Directory Data Regulatory Changes, Symphony, And Beyond

Provider directories are under more scrutiny than ever. But for providers, keeping your information accurate in health plan directories is more than a compliance issue – it affects reimbursements, patient access, and your staff's time.

Join us for a live webinar where leaders from IHA's Symphony Provider Directory, APG, and Availity analyze how providers and plans can better work together to maintain accurate directory data with less manual burden. We'll also share insights from Symphony's recent work with state and federal regulators and discuss how anticipated regulatory changes, including SB 137, AB 1041, AB 280, and more will impact providers over the coming year.

Speakers will include:

- Carrie Bersot, Senior Director, Client Success & Operations, IHA
- Sarah Lally, Director, Strategy & Operations Engagement, IHA

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

12:00 - 1:00 pm PT

To register, click [here](#).



CA Public Health for All Californians Together (PHACT) Coalition, Oct 2025 Resource Roundup

Vaccine recommendations, access, coverage, and updates on Fall-Winter 2025-2026 respiratory virus season

Vaccines:

- Latest CDPH immunization recommendations webpage, including respiratory virus vaccines and routine immunizations: [Vaccines for All](#)

- CA [My Turn](#) vaccine site locator with vaccine availability and appointment scheduling – including by age group and insurance type along with vaccine FAQs – for patients and your community
- No-cost vaccines for eligible Californians via CA [Vaccines for Adults](#) (VFA) and [Vaccines for Children](#) (VFC) programs
- Evidence-based answers to parents’ top immunization questions: [Parent FAQs](#)
- Access pharmacy provider resources regarding [post-PREP COVID-19 vaccine policy](#)
- Track progress of CA vaccination rates: [COVID Vaccine Data](#)

Respiratory Virus Season Resources:

- New! [Respiratory Viruses Healthcare Professionals Hub](#)
- Help amplify CDPH's public health messaging! [Respiratory Virus Season Communications Plan](#)
- Track California’s respiratory illness rates: [California Respiratory Virus Dashboard](#) and [COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard Datasets](#) on California Open Data Portal

Next CA PHACT Coalition meeting: Fri, 11/14 at 1-2pm

Dr. Susan M. Huang, APG Chief Medical Officer will attend and provide APG updates as part of CA PHACT Coalition. Reach out to CMO@apg.org with questions.

Bookmark [CDPH Public Health for All](#) page to stay informed or to signup for updates.



Shared Clinical Decision Making Guide from the Common Health Coalition

The CDC [released](#) official COVID-19 vaccine guidance on October 6, confirming that individuals who are not at-risk should consult with their health care providers, who can offer “shared decision making,” on **the benefits of receiving COVID-19 or other vaccines and boosters**. Practically speaking, this means that anyone who wants a COVID booster should be able to get one, as health insurers have also agreed to continue covering the cost of vaccines – maintaining access at pharmacies and doctors’ offices. **To learn more important considerations and requirements on “shared decision making,”** please see this [helpful guide](#) developed by the [Common Health Coalition](#).



2025 APG California Policy & Advocacy Meeting Dates

Members, please mark your calendars for APG's California Policy Forum and California Medi-Cal Forum meetings. You can download APG's 2025 events calendar [here](#).

California Policy Forum

- **November 12 - Rescheduled to December 5 at 12 - 1pm**

California Medi-Cal Forum - *Under Construction*



APG California Advocacy Member Resources

- **SB 306 - Prior Authorization Reform [Summary](#)**
- **Tracked Health Care Bills [2025-26](#)**: bills we're following in the California State Legislature
- **Office of Health Care Affordability [regulations](#) and [explanatory slide deck](#)**
- **DMHC Quality and Equity Reporting program [All Plan Letter](#)**

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