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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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### **APG Submits Comments On The Next California CalAIM Medi-Cal Waiver**

APG worked with its members this week to receive input on our comments to the Department of Health Care Services application for renewal of the CalAIM Medicaid managed care waiver. Our comments focused on strengthening the relationships between Medi-Cal managed care plans and their capitated-delegated provider organizations in the areas of Duals Alignment network requirements, medical loss ratio reporting standards, single plan county arrangements and best contracting practices. You can read our comment submission [here](#).



### **APG CMO's CA Public Health For All Californians Together (PHACT) Coalition Updates**

Multi-stakeholder advisories and workgroup activities have ramped up. APG's CMO, Dr. Susan M. Huang, is participating in the [PHACT Coalition Data & Implementation Working Group](#), whose priority is to analyze available data to generate actionable insights to support recommendations for achieving measurable improvements in vaccination rates across California.

**You can help protect critical vaccine quality measures:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has proposed removing two important vaccine reporting quality measures for ACA Marketplace plans.

These quality measures help ensure that health plans and payers meet coverage standards and support vaccine access for babies, children, and adolescents. You can help by responding with your concerns to [the CMS Draft 2026 Call Letter](#).

Available for your use, CA PHACT Coalition's [email template](#) – include your name, title, organization, and use subject line: “Marketplace Quality Initiatives (MQI)-Draft 2026 Call Letter.” Email to [Marketplace\\_Quality@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:Marketplace_Quality@cms.hhs.gov) by March 20, 2026.

**RSV Immunization Update:** Since immunizations were initiated in 2023, RSV-related infant hospitalizations have dropped substantially. The 2025-2026 RSV Season peaked late into March. CDPH plans to extend immunization recommendations for RSV through April 2026.

**Measles in CA:** As of 3/9/2026, 29 confirmed cases in 9 counties. The [CDPH Measles webpage](#) includes information and recommendations and is updated every Tuesday.

Other Direct Resources:

- [Sign up](#) for PHACT Coalition Updates and public meeting notifications.
- [Sign up](#) for CDPH Immunization Branch Newsletter.
- Access CDPH EZIZ [Immunization Webinar Series](#) for clinicians



**Attend APG's New AI In Value-based Care Forum's First Meeting!**  
**Tuesday, April 14, 2026**  
**11:00 am - 12:00 pm Pacific Time**

[RSVP](#) for this virtual session

This AI in value-based care session will focus on applications in revenue cycle management. Our speakers will address specific insights and experiences in the application of AI tools and frameworks to address claims and denials, encounter billing, and prior authorizations. They will address workforce concerns and impacts, associated AI-enabled chart and clinical information summarization efforts, and tips on building continued payer alignment and partnerships with this work.



**Invitation: APG Pediatrics Care Forum Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 16, 2026**  
**9:00 - 10:00 am Pacific Time**

[RSVP](#) for this virtual session

This forum explores the evolution of a multi-year telemedicine enabled transitions of care program designed to stabilize the most fragile and complex of patients as they move from the high-touch neonatal intensive care environment to the community ambulatory care setting. Speakers will share their implementation experience and insights on how technology and virtual integrated visits have improved patient care, family support, and reduced the need for emergency visits and readmissions.



### **2026 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 2026 events calendar [here](#).*

#### **California Policy Forum**

**2:00 - 3:00 pm**

- April 9
- June 3
- December 3

#### **California Medi- Cal Forum**

**4:00 - 5:00 pm**

- April 14 - **Register** [here](#)
- May 12
- June 9
- August 11
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8



#### **APG California Advocacy Member Resources**

- [2025 Legislative Implementation Guide](#)
- **Tracked Health Care Bills 2025-26:** bills we're following in the California State Legislature
- November 2025 IHA Provider Directory webinar [recording](#)
- **Office of Health Care Affordability** [regulations](#) and [explanatory slide deck](#)
- **DMHC Quality and Equity Reporting** program [All Plan Letter](#)

**For more news and resources, please visit APG's [website](#) or contact a member of APG's California advocacy team.**

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