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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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Sitting Down With Congressman Eric Swalwell In Sacramento

APG's William Barcellona and David Gonzalez recently met with Gubernatorial candidate Eric Swalwell for a thoughtful discussion on the current health care landscape in California. Congressman Swalwell was engaging, forthright, and highly attentive throughout the conversation, demonstrating a strong interest in the policy and operational challenges facing providers and patients across the state.



The discussion opened with concerns around vaccine hesitancy and the erosion of herd immunity, including the potential for increased outbreaks of preventable diseases. Congressman Swalwell expressed particular interest in strengthening public health infrastructure to address these risks. APG also provided an overview of the organization's leadership role in advancing value-based payment models, along with the history and structure of California's delegated model of care, highlighting how these approaches have supported care coordination, cost management, and accountability for patient outcomes.

The conversation also turned to federal policy, including the potential impacts of the Congressional H.R. 1 legislation on California providers and patients. Congressman Swalwell noted optimism that the most significant funding reductions could be revisited following the upcoming midterm elections. APG highlighted ongoing challenges related to access and quality of care, including workforce shortages and the need for expanded education and training of physicians, nurses, and advanced practice providers. The discussion also addressed the administrative burden of quality reporting requirements on smaller physician practices, with recognition of California's progress in aligning and consolidating core quality measures across programs. This consolidation was highlighted as a leading example of how the health care system could be better organized

in the future to streamline administrative burdens while improving transparency and alignment across Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial markets. Congressman Swalwell also noted his collaboration and shared perspectives with Josh Green on health care issues, reflecting broader interstate dialogue on system improvement.

Congressman Swalwell also shared updates on his gubernatorial campaign, noting a growing number of endorsements and his increasing momentum in the race. APG appreciated the opportunity for this dialogue and came away with the impression that he is a thoughtful and pragmatic elected official with whom we could work constructively in the future should he be elected Governor this November.



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](#)

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