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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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DHCS Reviews H.R. 1 Implementation And Potential Impacts On Medi-Cal

APG staff attended the recent California Association of Health Plans (CAHP) seminar, *Navigating the Next Phase of Medi-Cal Transformation*, where the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) presented an overview of H.R. 1 and its anticipated impacts on Medi-Cal eligibility, enrollment, and implementation. Based on that presentation, APG has prepared a summary memorandum examining the potential operational impacts of H.R. 1 on pediatric populations, while recognizing that the broader DHCS presentation addresses many additional implementation issues that will affect the Medi-Cal program.

The complete DHCS presentation, together with APG's summary memorandum, is available to members [here](#) for those interested in reviewing the Department's current implementation approach and APG's preliminary analysis of the potential implications for pediatric care.



Register For The August 11 California Med-Cal Forum

APG California Medi-Cal Forum

Tuesday, August 11

[Register](#)

Our upcoming **California Medi-Cal Forum** will focus on several important Medi-Cal policy and operational issues where APG is seeking member input to help shape our advocacy with DHCS, health plans, and other state policymakers.

Our primary discussion topics will include:

- **2026 Medi-Cal MLR Reporting Debrief.** We'll conduct a member discussion on this year's Medical Loss Ratio (MLR) reporting process, including what worked well, operational challenges encountered, lessons learned, and opportunities for future improvements. Member feedback will help inform APG's continuing discussions with Medi-Cal managed care plans and the Department of Health Care Services.
- **The Delegated Model and Program Integrity.** We'll discuss the important role physician organizations and delegated entities play in strengthening program integrity by detecting and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse occurring outside their own organizations. This discussion will help APG better articulate the value of the delegated model in future policy discussions with state regulators.

These sessions are intended to be **member input discussions**. As always, APG's advocacy begins with the operational experience of physician organizations. By identifying common challenges across our membership, we develop practical policy recommendations that strengthen California's Medi-Cal delivery system.

We'll also provide an update on recently enacted state budget provisions affecting Medi-Cal, followed by a brief new business session.

We look forward to your participation and to hearing your perspectives.



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

- December 3

California Medi-Cal Forum

4:00 - 5:00 pm

- August 11 - [Register](#)
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8



- [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](#)
- **DMHC Quality and Equity Reporting** program [All Plan Letter](#)

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