



**CHILDNET
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

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Valley Children's Advocacy Update

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State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP)

The US House of Representatives recently passed House Resolution 2, The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act, which proposes a 2 year extension of the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP); a 2 year extension of the Teaching Health Center program; a permanent replacement of the Medicare Sustainable Growth Rate; a 2 year extension of the Pediatric Quality Measures Program and many additional provisions. The package now proceeds to the Senate for consideration.

California Children's Services (CCS) Program

The CCS program's current carve out from Medi-Cal managed care is set to expire Jan. 1, 2016. In anticipation of the sunset, the state Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) has formed a CCS Regional Stakeholder Advisory Board (RSAB) to advise DHCS regarding redesign of the CCS program. The RSAB has completed 3 of its scheduled 6 meetings, with the fourth meeting scheduled for Friday, May 29 in Sacramento. Valley Children's is a member of the RSAB.

DHCS hopes to have a final model agreed upon by November 2015. According to DHCS staff, the state has not made any predetermined decisions on which model or models to adopt as CCS is reformed.

Senator Ed Hernandez recently introduced Senate Bill 586 on behalf of the California Children's Hospital Association that would require the state, no later than Jan. 1, 2018, to contract with Kids Integrated Delivery Systems to manage and coordinate the care for children with CCS and Medi-Cal.

Medi-Cal Primary Care Rate Increase / CHDP Providers

The state Department of Health Care Services recently announced that the attestation period and final day to add or update the Usual, Customary and Reasonable (UCR) charges for the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA) increase has changed to April 17, 2015 for Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) groups and clinics.

State Legislation

Medi-Cal Provider Rates

- Assembly Bill 366: Would increase Medi-Cal rates for hospital inpatient services, for specified physician services, and for hospital-based distinct part nursing facilities.
- Senate Bill 243: Identical to AB 366.

California Children's Services Program

- Assembly Bill 187: Would extend CCS' current carve out from Medi-Cal managed care until the DHCS has completed evaluations of specified pilot programs created as part of California's Bridge to Reform Section 1115(a) Demonstration.
- Senate Bill 586: See above.

Physician Education

- Assembly Bill 174: Would allocate \$1,855,000 from the state General Fund each fiscal year commencing 2016-2017 to the San Joaquin Valley Program in Medical Education. Would allocate \$1,000,000 from the state General Fund during fiscal year 2016-2017 for allocation to the University of California to support 2-year planning effort toward a separate medical school at the University of California, Merced.
- Senate Bill 131: Would allocate \$1,855,000 from the state General Fund each fiscal year commencing 2016-2017 to the San Joaquin Valley Program in Medical Education.

Public Health

- Assembly Bill 49: Would regulate the use of antibiotics in livestock to prevent the development of superbugs and protect the efficacy of antibiotics for human use.
- Senate Bill 27: Would prohibit the administration of medically important antimicrobial drugs to livestock unless prescribed by a veterinarian.
- Senate Bill 277: Would eliminate the exemption from immunization based upon personal beliefs.

Childhood Weight Management Task Force – Resource Directory

Providers, community based organizations and families are encouraged to check out a new on line directory of nutrition and physical activity opportunities throughout Central California at <http://ucanr.edu/sites/resourcedirectory/>.