



## CA Legislative Priorities: 2019 Health Care Policy

One of Gavin Newsom's first moves as Governor was to appoint the first [Californian Surgeon-General](#). Dr. Nadine Burke Harris said she will "urge policymakers at every level of government and leaders across the state to consider the social determinants of health, especially for children," signaling Gov. Newsom's dedication to making early childhood health care a policy priority.

In 2019, we can expect rising health care costs, and how to combat them, to continue to dominate the health care policy discussion in California.

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**Prior Authorization:**  
#FixPriorAuth



The American Medical Association recently released this video on prior authorization, the policy's negative impacts on patient health outcomes and the burden it places on physicians and their staff.

Visit [FixPriorAuth.org](http://FixPriorAuth.org) to discover what the AMA is doing to fix prior authorization to prevent wasted time, delayed treatment, and ensure that your doctor's opinion is valued.

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As a new [report](#) from the CDC reminds us, vaccines represent some of the most impactful public health advances, helping to prevent the spread of infectious diseases and eliminating some of the most devastating conditions around the world. As you may have seen on the news, infection rates from measles continue to spread across the U.S.-making the critical role vaccines play in preventing disease transmission and curbing health care costs even more clear.

Smallpox, polio, and HPV vaccines have changed the course of human health and new therapeutic vaccines are being developed right now to treat a host of diseases, like cancer. Stay informed by visiting [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

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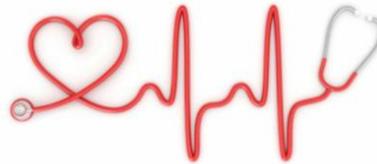
Partnership to Improve Patient Care's Executive Director, Sara Traigle van Geertruyden, led an insightful discussion with prominent Los Angeles leaders from the business, public and nonprofit sectors about value assessments. The discussion focused on how some states and health organizations are using value assessments to cut costs and determine care decisions, often limiting patients' access to treatments in the process. Learn more by visiting [PIPC's website](#).

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## Partner Spotlight: American Heart Association



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Heart  
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February is American Heart Month. Heart disease is a leading cause of death for Americans, but it's often preventable. Our partner, the American Heart Association, is a leader in research and innovation seeking to eliminate fatalities caused by cardiac arrest and improve heart health. Check out their [website](#) for more information on healthy living and what you can do to promote good heart health.

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### Partner Resources



#### Denied Coverage?

The California Chronic Care Coalition launched this online resource for Californians who have been denied coverage, experienced delays, or are dissatisfied by the decisions made by their health plan.



Partnership for  
Prescription Assistance®

#### Patient Assistance

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) increases awareness of patient assistance programs. PPA is a single point of access to more than 475 public and private programs, including about 200 programs offered by biopharmaceutical

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This newsletter highlights state and national health care issues and trends.

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