



CA Legislative Update: SB 276

The controversial [bill](#) designed to limit the number of vaccine exemptions in California that has been amended five times was easily passed by the Assembly Health Committee and now heads to the Assembly Appropriations Committee. The latest amendments from the bill's author Sen. Richard Pan, a physician, broaden eligibility standards, allowing a larger number of children to qualify for medical exemptions. Gov. Gavin Newsom is expected to sign the bill in its current form and it would take effect in January 2021. Advocates on both sides of the issue have been vocal and passionate about the implications of the bill on public health outcomes and the patient-doctor relationship.

Event Recap: Heart Conditions & Pharmaceutical Research

The California Partnership for Access to Treatment (CPAT) was proud to join with several NAACP chapters throughout the state to spotlight the vital issue of heart conditions in the African American community. Held in Sacramento and Los Angeles, these luncheons provided an opportunity for elected and community leaders, as well as patients, to learn how research is improving quality of life outcomes for those who suffer from various heart conditions.

The Sacramento event honored Assemblymember Jim Cooper, and featured the California Black Chamber, Sacramento Valley National Council of Negro Women, Sacramento NAACP, California Chronic Care Coalition and Allen Chapel AME Church. Speakers Dr. Catherine Malmsten from Mercy Medical Group, Dignity Health and Dr. Simon Nkomo from Market Medical Center, California State University, Sacramento and Dr....

Steven Nobel from Modesto Memorial, Sutter Health covered the importance of heart health and health education.

In Los Angeles, we honored Assemblymember Mike Gipson, who discussed what health programs would be receiving funding as part of the Governor's budget. Amgen's Executive Director of Research & Development, Dr. Murielle Veniant-Ellison, followed with information about how using genetic research in partnership with dietary improvements can treat heart conditions and improve health outcomes.



(L to R) Asm. Mike Gipson, NAACP State President Alice Huffman, Compton Branch NAACP President Paulette Simpson-Gipson & National NAACP Board of Directors Ron Hasson



Members of the CA Black Chamber, Sacramento NAACP and the CA Chronic Care Coalition listen to experts on the importance of heart health.

Event Recap: Women Build

In May, Karen Arikpo and Donnita Giles, two Grade 2 Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department, Narcotics and Special Investigations Divisions in Washington, DC hosted a breakout session at Women Build. PHRMA sponsored the session, which was part of the larger Women Build LA/OC event that was designed to include more women in the building trades, especially in the midst of Southern California's development boom.

The detectives led the engaged participants through a presentation on the dangers of opioid addiction and overdose, especially for women working in the trades, and why women might be more susceptible to opioid addiction. They also covered warning signs of opioid abuse for the audience who then had the opportunity to ask questions.



Partner Spotlight:



June is Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month so we're spotlighting one of our partners dedicated to eliminating Alzheimer's disease, the Alzheimer's Association. The Alzheimer's Association's mission is to eliminate Alzheimer's disease through the advancement of research; to provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and to reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

On June 21 - the summer solstice - people across the world participated in a fundraising activity on The Longest Day to raise awareness for the disease and raise money to find a cure. This June, wear purple in support of the Association and learn more about how you can get involved at www.alz.org.

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 companies.

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

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