



## Upcoming Events: PIPC Tours California

The Partnership to Improve Patient Care (PIPC) is hosting two events in California this month, one in Sacramento and one in Los Angeles, to discuss value assessments, their potential for discrimination, and related public policy threats to be aware of at both the federal and state level. Please join us for one of our two upcoming briefings.

### **Sacramento**

A CPAT EVENT: ARE VALUE ASSESSMENTS IN HEALTHCARE A NEW FORM OF DISCRIMINATION?

When: Wednesday, May 15

Time: 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Sheraton Grande, Gardenia Ballroom

13th and J St.

Sacramento, CA 95814

[Register](#)

### **Los Angeles**

FROM THE COELHO CENTER: THE PERILS OF QALYS: ADDRESSING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND SERIOUS CHRONIC CONDITIONS

When: Monday, May 20

Time: 12:00 - 2:00 PM

Loyola Law School, Burns Lounge Room

919 Albany St.

Los Angeles, CA 90015

(Parking available)

[Register](#)

# CA Legislative Update:

## AB 824

Proposed legislation on patent settlements is currently being debated in Sacramento could have negative effects for patient access to treatment. The bill undermines the legitimacy of patents in general, by forcing a judge to not assume that the patent is valid. Californians deserve a middle ground, and they shouldn't have to face delays to access to affordable medicines. Pharmaceutical patent settlements should be held to the same anti-trust "preponderance of evidence standard" (instead of the proposed "clear and convincing" standard) as the rest of the industries in California.

Please [email](#) if you'd like more information on why patent settlements for pharmaceuticals are so important in getting generic drugs to the market and instrumental in improving patient access.

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## Reducing Drug Prices: The Right Way and the Wrong Way



There has been lots of discussion about the costs seniors and patients pay at the pharmacy counter. This has led to a slew of policy proposals to address these issues, but some ideas are better than others. The right way? [Rebate Reform](#). The proposal would require negotiated rebates or discounts in the Medicare prescription drug program be shared with patients to lower their out-of-pocket costs. This could save patients hundreds in out-of-pocket spending for many prescription medications.

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## Partner Spotlight: National Alliance on Mental Illness



May is Mental Health Awareness Month and we have partners like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) doing incredible work around mental health every day of the year. NAMI provides support and information for those affected by mental illness and endeavors to remove the stigma that still surrounds issues of mental illness. With 1 in 5 adults in the US experiencing mental illness, find a NAMI in your community or support the organization by visiting their [website](#).

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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.

### 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.

## About CPAT News

The California Partnership for Access to Treatment (CPAT) is pleased to provide our latest issue of *The Partnership Pulse*, a bi-monthly e-news publication for our partners, members and supporters.

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

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