

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, January 17, 2019 - RSVP today!



Maternal and Child Health Access

MCHA Monthly Meeting

<i>Location:</i>	<i>Speaker/Topic</i>
<p>10:00 AM to 12:00 PM Maternal and Child Health Access Patricia Phillips Community Room 1111 W. 6th St., 3rd Floor Los Angeles, CA 90017 213 749 4261 info@mchaccess.org</p>	<p>Nancy M. Gomez Senior Consumer Advocate Community Organizer Health Access California</p> <p>"Governor Newsom's Health Care Budget!"</p> <p>Pink Hats for Women's March 1-19-19 - Support the Cause!</p> <p>Updates</p>

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Governor Newsom's Proposed State Budget

Many organizations conduct budget analysis; to name a few: [Western Center on Law and Poverty](#), [California Pan Ethnic Health Network](#), [the Legislative Analysts Office](#), and the California Budget and Policy Center (Webinar Briefing, Thursday, January 17, 1:00-2 p.m. on the Governor's proposed 2019-20 budget - [Register here](#)).

Below is courtesy of the March of Dimes California Chapter:

Just after his inauguration the Governor signed an Executive Order to: 1) create a surgeon general oversight position in the state to look at health disparities before they manifest, and 2) to consolidate the state's prescription drug purchases into a state-run program and collaborate with pharmaceutical companies over the price of drugs for Medi-Cal and other state program recipients.

- \$45 million (\$22.5 million federal funds and \$22.5 million Proposition 56 funds) to the DHCS for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) screenings for children and adults in the Medi-Cal program.
- \$60 million (\$30 million federal funds and \$30 million Proposition 56 funds) for the DHCS to increase developmental screenings for children.
- \$78.9 million to provide home visiting services to an anticipated 16,000 eligible CalWORKs families in 2019-20. Approximately 15,000 cases are estimated to be served on an annual basis beginning in 2020-21.

- \$30.5 million General Fund to expand home visiting programs and the Black Infant Health Program in the Department of Public Health. Of this amount, \$23 million is for the expansion of home visiting services with a focus on low-income, young mothers and the use of a wider range of home visiting models based on varying family needs. The remaining \$7.5 million is to increase participation in the Black Infant Health Program to improve African-American infant and maternal health through case management services, including home visiting. This funding will allow more families to be reached with these important services and support development and implementation of more cost-effective models, as well as more culturally appropriate services.
- \$50 million in Proposition 56 funds for family planning services in the Medi-Cal program.
- Increase subsidies through Covered California for individuals with incomes between 250 and 400 percent of the federal poverty level, and expand subsidies to individuals with incomes between 400 and 600 percent of the federal poverty level to increase coverage and promote affordability. The increased subsidies will be funded by revenues generated by establishing a state individual mandate, modeled on the federal requirement enacted as part of the ACA, to obtain comprehensive health care coverage or pay a penalty.
- \$260 million (\$196.5 million General Fund) to grow full-scope Medi-Cal coverage to eligible young adults (19-25) irrespective of immigration status (starting no earlier than July 1, 2019). This expansion is anticipated to provide full-scope coverage to roughly 138,000 undocumented young adults in the first year.
- \$3.2 billion (\$1.05 billion Proposition 56 funds) for supplemental payments and rate increases for physicians, dentists, family planning services, Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled, HIV/AIDS waiver services, Home Health, pediatric day health services, and new investments.
- Expanding the Paid Family Leave program to 6 months of paid family leave.
- \$500 million one-time General Fund to build child care infrastructure.

**From our Department of Public Social Services: CALFRESH EARLY
BENEFIT ISSUANCE AS A RESULT OF THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN**

To ensure that the County of Los Angeles' most vulnerable residents, from low-income households, including seniors, people with disabilities, and children, receive critical CalFresh supplemental nutrition benefits without interruption in the month of February, the Department of Public Social Services has been authorized to issue the February CalFresh benefit to eligible households on January 16, 2019. See flyer [here](#) it is being translated and MCHA will post on our website

These are not additional benefits, but an early issuance of the February CalFresh benefit. There will be no additional benefits issued in the month of February, therefore, households are urged to budget their benefit accordingly to ensure that they have funds available to purchase food in the month of February.

DPSS customers are urged to maximize their CalFresh benefit by taking advantage of the California Market Match program that provides a \$10 voucher match when they spend \$10 CalFresh benefits at local participating farmers' markets. CalFresh customers are encouraged to visit <https://ecologycenter.org/fmfinder/> and enter their address to find a local participating farmers' market.

CalFresh customers may also contact 211 L.A. County, the central source for information and referrals for all health and human services in LA County, by dialing 2-1-1.

Please note:

Households with a Semi-Annual Report (SAR 7) or annual recertification due in the month of January must submit their report with required verifications or complete the recertification process no later than January 14 to receive their February CalFresh benefits on January 16. Instructions for how to complete a SAR 7 are available on the DPSS YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVHHKVH2qb8&t=110s> or CalFresh customers may contact the DPSS Customer Service Center at (866) 613-3777 for assistance.

New applications continue to be accepted and processed, and expedited services are available, as usual. The EBT system continues to be operational.

Federal judges blocks Trump efforts to roll back health law's birth control mandate

Judges in California and Pennsylvania issued rulings that Trump administration regulations would make it more difficult for thousands of women to obtain no-cost contraception from their employer health coverage, currently mandated under the Affordable Care Act, and impose an undue burden on states that would step in to provide birth control. The rules would let almost any employer deny female employees coverage for birth control by citing religious or moral objections and were to take effect Monday, January 14.

The California ruling applied to the 13 states and District of Columbia that had brought the lawsuit against the Administration. The Pennsylvania ruling, however, implements the injunction across the whole country. Justice Department officials will most likely appeal and the legal battle will continue. Read more [here](#).

New Oral Health Surgeon General's Report

Thanks to Justice in Aging!

The United States National Institutes of Health recently [commissioned a Surgeon General's report](#) to document the progress that has been made in oral health since the year 2000 and identify gaps and formulate a plan to address oral health for the future.

Public input is being sought to help guide the development of the report. This is an opportunity to ensure that the report both recognizes and seeks to address the needs of older adults who continue to suffer from high rates of untreated tooth decay and oral disease. Older adults of color, older adults living in rural regions and in institutional settings like nursing homes, and low-income older adults suffer the most acutely. This new report provides a chance to highlight these disparities and address them through policy proposals. For example, comments could focus on including an oral health benefit in Medicare, better integrating oral health into primary care settings, advancing telehealth, increasing provider participation in rural areas and institutional settings through loan repayment and grants, and more.

In 2000, the Surgeon General issued the very first report on oral health in the United States entitled, [Oral Health in America: A Report of the Surgeon General](#). That report was groundbreaking in that it made clear that oral health is essential to overall health. In the twenty years since that first report was released, attention to oral health has increased and

advancements in treatment as well as in the delivery of services have led to improved oral health outcomes. Nevertheless, much work remains. The second report will help shape national policy for the next twenty years. The comment period is an important opportunity for the voices of beneficiary advocates to be heard.

Details

- Comments are due on or before January 25, 2019
- Submit comments via email to NIDCR-SGROH@nicdr.nih.gov

Report: CA Health Plans Still Struggle to Meet Timely Access Standards

CARE DELAYED IS CARE DENIED

A [new report by California's Department of Managed Health Care \(DMHC\)](#) released Dec. 19 2018 is the first of its kind to provide data on timely access to care, separating out commercial, individual/family, and Medi-Cal health plans. Health Access sponsored 2014's [SB 964 \(Hernandez\)](#) that requires this annual report.

Action for Dental Health is now law!

Late in November, the House of Representatives passed [H.R. 2422, the Action for Dental Health Act](#), under suspension of the rules. The legislation passed the House overwhelmingly in February 2018 and unanimously passed the Senate with minor amendments in October 2018. Yesterday, the House agreed to the Senate's amendments and sent the legislation to President Trump's desk for his signature. [President Trump signed the bill Dec. 11.](#)

The Action for Dental Health Act [allows more organizations to qualify](#) for Health and Human Services (HHS) grants to improve oral health through education and dental disease prevention. The grants will also be used to develop and expand outreach programs establishing dental homes for children and adults, including the elderly, blind and disabled.

This legislation is by no means a comprehensive solution, but it is a first step and it's not often that we see Congress take up oral health specific legislation. Importantly, it offers us an opportunity to remind lawmakers that much more needs to be done to break down the barriers to good oral health that arise in our communities.

As we're thinking ahead to the next Congress, this legislation is a starting point to get policymakers to pay more attention to policy solutions that really address the coverage, access, and equity problems that result in our nation's poor oral health.

Thanks to all of you who have been active on this legislation!

New Traffic Fines/Driving Rules

Happy 2019!

We do a lot of driving - for work and to/from work. California's new traffic fine rules were released on January 1, 2019. Don't spend money on tickets and higher insurance! Be safe! Be smart!

- Forgot to carry your driver's license \$214
- Forgot to change your address (more than ten days) \$214
- Uninsured car in an accident \$796 and driver's license revoked for 4 years.
- Failed to stop at red light or turning right at No Turn on Red \$533
- Crossing a double yellow line \$425
- Violation of the turn or U-turn \$284
- Speeding 1-15 miles \$224 16-25 miles \$338
- Stop Sign but failed to stop \$284
- Pass the flashing light of a school bus \$675
- Talking on cell phone 1st time \$76, second time \$190; same penalty even if you are just holding it in your hand
- Not wearing a seat belt \$160
- Stopped at a bus stop \$976
- Driving with high beam light (from 30 points) \$382
- Child did not wear a seat belt or not in a child's seat \$436
- Tinted windows \$178
- Driving with headphones \$178
- Modified Exhaust \$1000 EACH stop.

All of the above violations allow for you to go to traffic school for 8 hours. If you get a second ticket within 18 months, no traffic school, you must pay the penalty, points go on your driving record, and your insurance rates will rise. You might want to review these with the drivers in your household to prevent any surprises.

Resources/Opportunities:

The National Conference of State Legislatures has a [new tracking tool](#) for state maternal and child health legislation. The NCSL Maternal and Child Health Database covers fourteen different MCH categories. Some of the categories include, maternal mental health, children's mental health, children's nutrition, infant/maternal mortality and more!

Dream Summer Fellowship

We are excited to announce that we will be hosting a Facebook Live Q&A session about our Dream Summer fellowship on January 29th at 2PM PST/5PM EST. We are currently seeking applicants for our Dream Summer 2019 fellowship. Dream Summer empowers immigrant youth to be the next generation of social justice leaders. In addition, Dream Summer fellows receive a \$5,000 fellowship award; leadership and professional development training; and become part of a national alumni network of over 650 immigrant rights leaders! During the Facebook Live Q&A session, Dream Summer alumni will go over:

- 1) The application process.
- 2) Provide tips on how to make an application stand out.
- 3) Share their experience as fellows.

This is a great opportunity if you are interested in applying to Dream Summer 2019! To learn more about our Dream Summer fellowship and to apply go to <http://bit.ly/DSapply>. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2019 at 12:00 PM PST. The Facebook Live Q&A session will only go over the application process for fellowship applicants. For questions about

submitting a host organization application, please contact Dream Summer Coordinators Mayra Castro and Leticia Bustamante at ucladreamsummer@gmail.com.

**UCLA Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program
Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP) summer 2019 application now open!**

The Occupational Health Internship Program (OHIP) [online application](#) is now open for summer 2019!

Gain Hands-On Experience On Workplace Safety and Health Issues

Immerse yourself in the exciting and fast-paced world of labor unions and worker organizations by investigating job related health and safety problems workers employed in under-served or high hazard jobs often face.

Help give back to workers, unions, and labor organizations by conducting a project and producing a report to present at a national NIOSH web-conference.

We are looking for dedicated and bright interns that are willing to commit full-time, including possible evenings or weekends, to promote safer and healthier work environments. Sounds like you?

Apply now! Visit <https://www.ohipintern.org/apply>

Internship Dates: June 17 - August 16, 2019

Application Deadline: Friday, February 15, 2019, 11:59pm PT (Applicants Notified by mid/late March)

Participating undergraduate students will receive a \$4,000 stipend upon completion.

Participating graduate students will receive a \$5,200 stipend upon completion.

For more information about the program please visit www.ohipintern.org

Volunteer for the Homeless Count

Every year, we conduct a census of the homeless population through the Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count. The Count helps us better understand homelessness in our region and direct resources where they're needed most. We need at least 8,000 volunteers to canvas more than 80 cities and 200 communities across LA County.

You can now register for the Count, which will take place January 22-24:

Tuesday, January 22: San Fernando Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, & San Gabriel Valley

Wednesday, January 23: South Bay/Harbor Cities & East and West Los Angeles County

Thursday, January 24: Antelope Valley, Metro Los Angeles, & South Los Angeles County

See: <https://www.theycountwillyou.org/>

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