

HEALTH CARE TEAM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

*The following executive summary is for the Sacramento Metro Chamber,
Cap-to-Cap Health Care Team.*

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PROTECT MEDICARE/MEDICAID

Requested Actions:

- Expand Medicare Hospital Outpatient Department (HOPD) “grandfather” provision under the Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA).
- Adopt Medicaid Managed Care proposed rule to maintain flexibility necessary for safety net to contract with Medi-Cal managed care plans.
- Protect Medicaid provider fees to support adequate reimbursement and maintain access
- Support the Establishing Beneficiary Equity in the Hospital Readmissions Program Act
- Implement Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) changes to physician payments and quality measures.
- Protect the 340B Drug Program - an important cost-saving program for treating the most vulnerable.
- Sustain Medicare Advantage rates to coordinate high-quality, cost-saving care to seniors
- Support broader availability of telehealth options, including expansion of payments.
- Maintain funding levels for Graduate Medical Education (GME) and Indirect Medical Education (IME) to support comprehensive access for the newly-insured.

Summary of Background: We urge Congress to ensure that federal safeguards are in place and are being utilized to provide adequate Medicare and Medicaid payments to promote high-quality care and to protect the ability of states to utilize provider fees to stabilize funding.

SACRAMENTO’S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

Requested Actions:

- Evaluate the Institutions for Mental Disease (IMD) exclusion demonstration project to determine its role to expand access to behavioral health services to the most vulnerable and consider eliminating the current IMD Medicaid (Medi-Cal) reimbursement exclusion for facilities with 17 or more beds.
- Support the finalization of the proposal to allow Medicaid capitation payments for enrollees subject to the IMD exclusion and eliminate the state option to allow behavioral health services to be carved out of Medicaid managed care benefits in the Medicaid Managed Care proposed rule.

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- Monitor implementation of Representative Doris Matsui's Excellence in Mental Health Act demonstration projects.
- Support federal funding for demonstration projects that focus on case management and navigation programs.

Summary of Background: Sacramento County alone has a population of more than 1.4 million with less than 400 inpatient psychiatric beds. Sacramento is uniquely vulnerable because it serves as a hub for psychiatric treatment of patients from the surrounding 19 counties that have no inpatient psychiatric services. Much more needs to be done to adequately address the current mental health crisis in Sacramento County and the specific requests above will help to address some of these concerns.

COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE COLLABORATION

Requested Actions:

- Use the successful models of care established by innovative programs working together throughout the Sacramento region to improve public health in other communities across the country, and, where possible;
- Improve funding and support for such programs to grow them to scale and to leverage existing funding and efforts to improve health and well-being in the Sacramento region

Summary of Background: The region's health care sector has played a significant role in improving the overall health of the community for decades, as well as contributing to the local economy.