Monthly Meeting

December 17, 2021
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Welcome to New Members

Coalition’s key guiding principles (as outlined in our charter):

**Promote access and coverage.** Policies, legislation and activities should promote access to care through telehealth and coverage of telehealth services.

**Enhance care coordination.** Policies, legislation and activities should reinforce the patient-centered medical home model and reduce care fragmentation both within and among systems.

**Promote provider and patient engagement.** Policies, legislation and activities should promote the participation of providers in efforts that improve performance and patient health outcomes, and the involvement of patients in their health care.

**Reinforce clinical quality.** Policies, legislation and activities should reinforce desirable, measurable outcomes, specifically those used by regulators and produced by standard-setting organizations.

**Ensure data privacy and security.** Policies, legislation and activities should ensure data privacy and security, particularly as those standards are prescribed by law and industry standards.
Thank you for attending our annual meeting!

- Key areas of focus for 2021 include a focus on the outcomes of the Medi-Cal Stakeholder Advisory Workgroup and federal legislative discussions surrounding what PHE policies should be made permanent.
- High interest in elevating patient and caregiver stories in the coalition’s work.
- Over 140 participants!
Thank you to our sponsors!
California Workgroup Update

Workgroup Charge

The charge of the workgroup is to advise DHCS on how to refine its telehealth policies to ensure the policies are designed optimally for a post-PHE world.

- Billing and coding protocols: What codes and modifiers should be used to delineate when services are delivered by telehealth and whether services are video or audio-only.
- Ongoing monitoring and evaluation: How DHCS should measure and review telehealth utilization to facilitate consumer protection and Medi-Cal program stewardship.
- Utilization management: What standards and protections should be in place to ensure expanded telehealth coverage increases access, supports high-quality care, and reduces health disparities, among other goals.

Language of AB 133:
For purposes of informing the 2022–23 proposed Governor’s Budget, released in January 2022, the department shall convene an advisory group to provide recommendations to inform the department in establishing and adopting billing and utilization management protocols for telehealth modalities to increase access and equity and reduce disparities in the Medi-Cal program. The advisory group shall analyze the impact of telehealth in increased access for patients, changes in health quality outcomes and utilization, best practices for the appropriate mix of in-person visits and telehealth, and the benefits or liabilities of any practice or care model changes that have resulted from telephonic visits.

Manatt Report – Released December 10th
Summarizes workgroup process and discussion, DHCS proposed approaches

Workgroup comments/concerns on draft report included:
- Lack of full and accurate capture of discussions, feedback, and background research, as well as history of CA telehealth policy and telehealth utilization data
- Confusing use of terminology and lack of scope/parameters clarity i.e. telehealth vs. audio-only and async
- Continued concerns with consent approach and DHCS proposal to add more consent requirements in conflict with existing law

Find more information on the advisory group here: https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/provgovpart/Pages/TelehealthAdvisoryWorkgroup.aspx
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Coalition Policy Priorities for 2022

- **Maintain and expand coverage of telehealth modalities**
  - Advocate for continued coverage of telehealth modalities across all types of coverage
  - Support continued FQHC/RHC coverage for telehealth
  - Work with members to highlight patient stories on webinars, other materials aimed at policymakers and consumers

- **Build the evidence base for telehealth in California**
  - Showcase research and evaluation findings from California organizations on monthly calls
  - Create educational materials focused on quality and health outcome measurement for telehealth programs

- **Bridge the digital divide to ensure patient and provider internet access**
  - Monitor and provide comments/recommendations on the implementation of SB 156 middle-mile and last-mile work
  - Showcase the inequitable distribution of internet access/telehealth for certain communities (i.e., communities of color, the disabled community, older adults)

- **Ensure California maintains leadership at the state level on telehealth policy**
  - Advocate for state coordination on telehealth and related health technology issues
  - Conduct outreach to state agency telehealth leaders
  - Highlight telehealth’s role in various state health reform and other initiatives (e.g., CalAIM ECM/ILOS, Medi-Cal procurement, payment reform)
Education Committee Updates

Meeting Notes:

• Debriefed on Annual Meeting
• Went over Stakeholder Group Update
• Discussed Work Plan for 2022
• Reviewed New Details for Coalition Guiding Principles/Charter

Next Steps:

• Finalize/Approve 2022 Charter
• Determine Quarter 1 Webinar/Fact Sheet
Work Plan for 2022

What other work should the committee pursue in 2022? How can the coalition collaborate with your organization?

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| Host two webinars  
  • Jan.: Governor's budget  
  • Mar.: TBD | Host one webinar  
  • May: TBD | Host two webinars  
  • July: Legislative update  
  • Sept.: TBD | Host policy briefing (Oct.) |
| Develop and publish 2 fact sheets for webinars | Develop and publish 2 fact sheets for webinars | Develop and publish 2 fact sheets for webinars | Host one webinar  
  • Dec.: TBD |
| Review and finalize charter for 2021 | | Respond to Medicare Proposed Physician Fee Schedule | |
| Chair outreach to key agency/legislative leaders to formally introduce the Coalition | | | |
| Develop and launch recruitment strategy | | | |
Legislation Committee Updates

Meeting Notes:
• Debriefed on Annual Meeting/Stakeholder Group
• Reviewed New Details for Coalition Guiding Principles/Priorities for 2022
• Discussed Work Plan for 2022
• Reviewed remaining legislation and 2022 legislative timeline (2 year bills)

Next Steps:
• Monitor forthcoming DHCS Budget Proposal and 2022 legislation
## Work Plan

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<td>Support members in introducing legislation that supports coalition priorities</td>
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<td>Submit response letter to January budget proposal</td>
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<td>Submit response letter to the May budget revision</td>
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<td>Discuss proposed Physician Fee Schedule Changes and craft response</td>
<td>July/August</td>
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<td>Host Capitol Legislation Briefing and Annual Meeting</td>
<td>October/November</td>
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## California Legislative Developments
### Two-Year Bills

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<th>Coalition Support in 2021?</th>
<th>Recent Developments</th>
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<td><strong>AB 32</strong> (Aguiar Curry et al.)</td>
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<td>Two-year bill</td>
<td>Makes permanent Covid-19 telehealth flexibilities</td>
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<td><strong>AB 34</strong> (Muratsuchi)</td>
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<td>Two-year bill</td>
<td>Authorizes the issuance of bonds in the amount of $10,000,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to support the 2022 Broadband for All Program</td>
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<td><strong>AB 1264</strong> (Aguiar-Curry)</td>
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<td>Two-year bill</td>
<td>Creates CHHS Agency Project ECHO grant program for children’s hospitals</td>
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<td><strong>AB 410</strong> (Fong)</td>
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<td>Two-year bill</td>
<td>Nurse Licensure Compact</td>
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<td><strong>AB 552</strong> (Quirk-Silva)</td>
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<td>Integrated School-Based Behavioral Health Partnership Program</td>
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<td><strong>AB 935</strong> (Maienschein)</td>
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<td>Requires health plans and insurers to provide access to a telephone mental health consultation program for children and pregnant/post-partum women</td>
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<td><strong>AB 1117</strong> (Wicks)</td>
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<td>Two-year bill</td>
<td>Establishes Healthy Start: Toxic Stress and Trauma Resiliency for Children Program</td>
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<td><strong>AB 1131</strong> (Wood)</td>
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<td>Requires participation in statewide health information exchange network</td>
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<td><strong>AB 1252</strong> (Chau)</td>
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<td>Defines privacy protections for personal health record information</td>
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<td><strong>SB 371</strong> (Caballero)</td>
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<td>Two-year bill</td>
<td>Creates a Deputy Secretary for Health Information Technology to coordinate health information technology efforts regarding hie, broadband, and telehealth</td>
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<td><strong>SB 508</strong> (Stern)</td>
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<td>Two-year bill</td>
<td>Authorizes a local education agency (LEA) to provide mental health services and includes telehealth as an approved modality</td>
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Key Dates in the Legislative Calendar 2022

- Jan. 3: Legislature reconvenes
- Jan. 10: Governor submits budget
- Feb. 18: Last day for bills to be introduced
- May 27: Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house
- June 15: Budget bill must be passed by midnight
- July 1: Last day for policy committees to meet and report bills
- Aug. 31: Last day for each house to pass bills
- Sept. 30: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature
- Nov. 8: General Election

Full calendar available at: [https://www.assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines](https://www.assembly.ca.gov/legislativedeadlines)
Other Updates – New Federal EO

In an Executive Order signed on December 13, 2021, President Biden ordered two actions related to telehealth that potentially sets up regulatory actions by the federal government for 2022:

- The Secretary of Labor shall “update existing rules and policies, consistent with applicable law and to the extent practicable, to allow individuals entitled to medical treatment under their workers’ compensation plans to conduct their routine medical treatment appointments using telehealth platforms” and

- The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall “develop guidance for entities regulated pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) on providing telehealth in compliance with HIPAA rules, to improve patient experience and convenience following the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.”
Closing Announcements

Upcoming Meetings

**Education Committee**
January 12, 2022 – 2-3pm

**Legislative Committee**
January 13, 2022 – 1-2pm

**Monthly Meeting**
January 21, 2022 – 1-2pm

Please reach to staff if you have any questions

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