



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF HEALTH CARE IN THE GOLDEN STATE

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Summary

California Physicians Alliance (CaPA) proposes to convene a series of forums over a 6-month period beginning in November, 2017, to bring together experts in pertinent fields to draft a roadmap to guaranteed health care in California. This Roadmap will articulate broad, shared goals for health care in our state and lay out a series of steps over time to achieve those goals.

It is our intent that the Roadmap will include recommendations that are based on a combination of sound public policy and pragmatism, and that are reasonably achievable in the time frame to be specified. Furthermore, it is our hope that this Roadmap will serve to inform the public and policy makers, and guide our state toward a health care system with more efficiency, better outcomes and greatly increased health equity.

Timeliness and Need

The U.S. has evolved a fragmented, inefficient and costly health care system over many decades. We lag far behind other wealthy nations who have found a way to provide guaranteed, high quality, comprehensive and affordable care to all of their residents.

The current leadership in Washington, DC is attempting to limit or eliminate the role of government in guaranteeing health care. Their legislative proposals could cause California to lose between \$20 - \$58 billion. As many as 5 million Californians could lose their health care coverage entirely, causing tremendous unnecessary pain and suffering.

California is galvanized in resisting the extreme changes proposed by federal legislators. Moreover, our state has the resources, will, and expertise to plan for a better health care system that can put us on par with what many wealthy nations have already achieved.

Invitees/Participants

CaPA plans to invite approximately 100 leaders from around the state to participate in our series of Roadmap forums. We aim to bring together experts in health care delivery and administration, health economics, and health policy along with experts in governing, government affairs, political science and consumer advocacy.

Agenda

With input from our Board and Advisory Board, CaPA will prepare a draft agenda in advance of the initial forum, and will arrange for speakers to be ready to present on each topic. Participants in the forum will be able to suggest additional agenda topics for future sessions. We will strive for consensus.

Possible Topics

- How can we streamline Medi-Cal and improve its efficiency?
- Where can technology play a role in improving health care?
- Does it make sense to add a Medi-Cal public option available on the statewide exchange?
- Can we harmonize Medi-Cal with Covered California? with County plans?
- Should California guarantee health care from birth to age 65 as the payer of last resort?
- How do we insure the remaining uninsured including the undocumented?
- Can we clarify the role of the private sector in the administration of Medi-Cal?
- How do we build on the evidence-based strengths of nonprofit Integrated Delivery Systems?
- Which payment and delivery reform ideas should be top priorities?
- How do we fund expansion? Can we identify new revenue streams?
- Can California prepare to become a national role model for a single payer system?

Workgroups

Participants will be asked to join one of several workgroups tasked with developing evidence-based recommendations. CaPA will work to identify funding for research on topics where necessary.

Forums/Timeline

- SoCal plenary forum – Saturday, November 11th in Los Angeles
- NorCal plenary forum – January, 2018 in Sacramento TBD
- Midway plenary forum – March, 2018 TBD – Preliminary reports from workgroups
- Final plenary forum – May 2018 TBD – Review of final draft of Roadmap

Final Steps

Once the final draft of the Roadmap is ready, CaPA will solicit input and feedback from a broad range of stakeholders. From there, it is our hope that the Roadmap can serve as a blueprint for future legislation. CaPA will work with our partners to create grassroots support for new legislative proposals.