



Healthy Way LA Continues to Enroll in Los Angeles County

Since Healthy Way LA (HWLA) began enrollment July 1, a total of 27,044 new patients have been enrolled during the first 14 weeks, with the highest enrollment during this time period at LAC+USC (2,759 patients). HWLA is part of the California Health Care Coverage Initiative that seeks to expand health care coverage for individuals (0-133% FPL) in Los Angeles County.

The Los Angeles County

Department of Health Services' (DHS) immediate goal is to enroll all eligible patients within DHS-operated facilities, community partner clinics and the Department of Mental Health (DMH)-operated clinics into the HWLA Matched Program.

Of the 27,044 total patients enrolled, 14,420 chose a DHS facility as their medical home and 12,624 chose a community partner clinic as their medical home.

DHS will continue to work with community partner clinics and DMH to identify and implement best practices that continue the momentum of enrolling all eligible patients into the HWLA program.

For additional information or details on the program, please contact Jaime Garcia of the HASC Los Angeles Office.

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Los Angeles County Department of Public Health Issues *Influenza Watch*

Coinciding with the beginning of the flu season, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has published its first issue of *Influenza Watch* for the 2011-2012 season.

The weekly e-newsletter, which is published during the traditional influenza surveillance season (October to mid-May), offers the latest flu surveillance and related

disease updates for Los Angeles County. It provides statistics of influenza activity in Los Angeles, including the number of positive flu tests and the percent of emergency department visits for influenza-like illness. It also offers more global information, reporting on influenza in California and the nation.

To read the latest issue or view back

issues of *Influenza Watch*, log on to www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/FluSurveillance.htm. To receive this free newsletter via e-mail, sign up on the ListServ at www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/listserv (select "Public Health Topics" and then "FLUWATCH").

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Save the Date: PDS User Group Dec. 8

Mark your calendar for PDS User Group, Thursday, Dec. 8, 12:00 p.m. (immediately following the Contract Committee Meeting at the HASC Los Angeles Office).

Current PDS users will be able to share the many ways they use PDS data, as well as learn new ways to use PDS for contract negotiations, business development, strategic

planning and more. Lunch will be served.

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New Game Changers Series Addresses Post-Reform Landscape

The new Game Changers program from HASC, a series of educational workshops designed to address the fundamental changes in how providers, payers and hospitals work together in a post-health care reform environment, launches Nov. 30.

Participants in the three-program series will get a look at early-adopter strategies that effectively improve care quality, reduce costs and improve overall coordination of care. Hear about creative approaches to organizational and business challenges hospitals face today with

these three dynamic programs:

- *Alignment in a Risk-Sharing Landscape* – Nov. 30, 2011; Good Samaritan Hospital

Learn about three models of physician/hospital alignment that have helped successfully deliver care that is more coordinated, appropriate and cost-effective with fewer litigation risks.

- *Blurring the Lines: Eliminating Silos* – Feb. 1, 2012; location TBA Find out how to successfully break down institutional and individual barriers to patient-centered, coordi-

nated care.

- *Palliative Care Conference: Care Transitions* – Feb. 29, 2012; Pacific Palms Hotel and Conference Center

Take part in this day-long conference focusing on collaborative care transitions, featuring key figures in palliative care program and policy development.

For more information, please contact HASC's Education Department.

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Register Now for Nov. 8 Southern California Patient Safety Collaborative Track I Meeting

Registration is available online at <http://research.zarca.com/survey.aspx?k=SsWQTYsRTRsPsPsP&lang=0&data=> for the Southern California Patient Safety Collaborative Track I meeting on Nov. 8, focusing on Hospital-Acquired Infections, Sepsis & Surgical Care Improvement Project.

Featured topics include:

- *Reduction of health care-acquired infections using the Steiros™ Algorithm*
- *Reducing Hospital-wide HAI: An Environmental Approach*

- *Unlocking the Plan: Key Messages from HHS*

The Interactive Working Session will feature *Teams Overcoming Barriers to Achieve Improvement*, and will include a panel of hospitals that improved CLBSI and a panel of hospitals that improved sepsis mortality.

SCPSC meetings are presented by HASC, Health Services Advisory Group and the National Health Foundation, and take place at Pacific Palms Conference Resort, Industry Hills.

Partners for *Patient Safety First...a California Partnership for Health* include:

- Anthem Blue Cross
- The three regional hospital associations of California: Southern California, San Diego & Imperial Counties, and Northern & Central California
- The National Health Foundation

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Health Care Executives Enjoy 2011 HASC Charity Golf Classic

C-suite health care executives, physician leaders and other hospital staff from throughout Southern California participated in the 2011 Charity Golf Classic on Monday, Oct. 17 at the Oakmont Country Club in Glendale.

The annual event helps to support the National Health Foundation (NHF) and its work to improve care in underserved communities. NHF, a charitable, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation, is at the forefront of recuperative care

in Los Angeles and Orange Counties, as well as teen pregnancy education and chronic disease management.

For a printable photo journal from the event, please visit the HASC website.

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Left to right: Steve Moreau, CEO, St. Joseph Hospital - Orange; Trahan Whitten, Principle, HFS Consulting; Jim Barber, HASC President and CEO; and Doug Bagley, CEO, Riverside County Medical Center.