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A special roundtable session on the Affordable Care Act is being hosted Saturday, June 1 by Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano. In partnership with the City of Hope and with special guest Congressman Robert E. Andrews, the roundtable is intended to be a forum to discuss and answer questions about the Affordable Care Act and how it will affect health care providers.

A discussion of mental health care within the Affordable Care Act will also be included.

The event will take place at 10:30 a.m., City of Hope, Platt III Conference Room, in Duarte. Please visit <http://affordablecareactroundtable.eventbrite.com> to register online.

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Losses Continue to Spike in Orange County Program for the Uninsured

While the Orange County Board of Supervisors and County staff continue to contemplate Budget adjustments to comply with \$73 million in annual lost revenues from the state, the most current figures for the County's program for the uninsured (Medical Services Initiative, or MSI) now show hospital actual-cost losses at \$200 million. This is up from \$125 mil-

lion in the 2011-12 program year.

Losses are attributable to spikes in enrollment (20,000 new enrollees from 2010-11 to 2012-13) and the federal government's decision to shift payment for AIDS drugs to the Low Income Health Program, administered in Orange County through MSI.

HASC has sent a letter on

behalf of hospitals to the Board of Supervisors. The draft County Budget recommends another \$2 million Budget Augmentation for hospital services in the 2013-14 program year.

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Still Time to Register: June 3 Patient and Family Centered Care Conference

There is still time to register for the 2013 Patient and Family Centered Care Conference. Presented by National Health Foundation and PFCC Partners, the conference will take place June 3 at the Renaissance Hotel, Long Beach.

Sessions will focus on the following areas: Pediatrics;

PFCC Design; PFCC: Beyond Hospital Walls; and Transforming Rounding. A diverse panel of presenters will discuss innovative strategies for the adoption of PFCC philosophy and culture across health care settings as well as outcomes related to PFCC including improved safety, quality, patient satisfac-

tion, workforce morale and lower health care costs.

For more information and to register, go to <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=yetztlcab&oeidk=a07e76zlnv5625cb8fe>.

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Covered California Town Hall Meeting Set for June 7 in Los Angeles

While working to launch the Affordable Care Act, Covered California seeks to develop a community-based approach to outreach, beginning with a series of regional town halls to provide an update to stakeholders and solicit feedback on efforts and plans. Covered California's next town hall meeting will be held in Los Angeles.

Covered California board members and Executive Director Peter Lee will lead the discussion for the Los Angeles regional town hall. Topics to be addressed:

- An update on Covered California's progress and current plans
- Outreach and community educa-

tion strategies

- What you can do to help ensure every Californian has access to affordable health insurance
- Feedback, questions and comments

The event will take place Friday, June 7, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at California State University, Los Angeles Eagle's Nest Gymnasium. Please register for this town hall meeting by calling (888) 975-1141.

This event is co-hosted by Senator Dr. Ed Hernandez, O.D. and Assembly Member Jimmy Gomez.

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Care Transitions Webinar Set for June 20

How can you improve quality and safety during care transitions? Find out at this engaging webinar, *Improving Patient Care Transitions to Reduce Readmissions*. The webinar, set for June 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., will focus on the "quick fixes" for this aspect of health care delivery, then present a multifaceted approach that has proven to be effective and include the key steps to operationalize true patient-centered care along the continuum.

Learn the key steps to operationalize true patient-centered care, as well as what the future holds with respect to new initiatives aimed at reducing hospital readmissions.

Program cost is \$200 for HASC members, \$275 for associate members and \$350 for non-members. Visit <http://events.SignUp4.com/ImprovingPatientCare> to sign up online.

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Register Now for Health Care Provider Wellness Conference

Don't miss out: Sign up online for the HASC 3rd Annual Health Care Provider Wellness Conference, June 13-14 in San Diego. Themed *Wellness, Work & Community: Strategies for Sustainable Cultural Change*, the event will make the business case for wellness programs that result in healthy and engaged employees.

Presentation topics include:

Then, Now and in a Galaxy Far, Far Away

Lee Dukes, President, Principal Wellness Company

The Art and Science of Engagement: Exploring Common Pathways to Well-Being

Dr. Timothy L. Newman, Medical Director, FirstEnergy

Total Employee Well-Being Integration and Engagement as Key to Workforce Health and Productivity

Tammy Green, MPH, CHES, Director, Well-Being & Absence Management, Providence Health, Anchorage, Alaska

What's the Value of the Investments Your Company is Making in Health? Your CFO Will Be Asking Soon

Tom Parry, PhD, President and CEO, Integrated Benefits Institute

Worker Fatigue: A Multi-Faceted Issue

BJ Bartleson, RN, MS, NEA-BC, Vice President, Nursing and Clinical Services, California Hospital Association
Gail Blanchard-Saiger, Vice President, Labor and Employment, California Hospital Association

Diet and Obesity: Adiposity 101 and the Alternative Hypothesis of Obesity

Gary Taubes, Journalist and Co-Founder, Nutrition Science Initiative
Peter Attia, MD, President/Co-Founder, Nutrition Science Initiative

Trial and Error in Workplace Wellness

Christopher Scanlan, Partner, Arnold & Porter LLP

Breakout sessions will focus on:

Building an Employee Wellness Program: How to Start, How to Sustain

Rick Hecht, Director, Southern California, HealthWorks Consulting and Customer Support, Kaiser Permanente

Integrating Blue Zones' Concepts into a Well-Being Strategy

Antonio Linares, MD, RVP, Medical Director, Anthem Health & Wellness Solutions
Philip Hagen, MD, Medical Director, Mayo Clinic EmbodyHealth, and Vice Chair, Division of Preventive, Occupational and Aerospace Medicine, Mayo Clinic

A full conference brochure can be found at <http://www.hasc.org/2013WellnessConference>. To register online, go to <https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=3RDA18E>.

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