



## News

### Healthy Way LA Auto Enrollment Has Begun in Los Angeles County

Healthy Way LA (HWLA), part of the California Health Care Coverage Initiative that seeks to expand health care coverage for eligible individuals who potentially will be eligible for Medi-Cal with the expansion of Medicaid coverage in 2014, continues its enrollment throughout the county.

The Department of Health Services has enrolled 200,924 low-income county residents into the program as of June 30, 2012. Of those, 77,215 are in DHS medical homes and 83,230 are in

Community Partner (CP) clinic medical homes.

Los Angeles County started to auto-enroll eligible Los Angeles County General Relief (GR) recipients into the HWLA-matched program on June 1, 2012. Approximately 65,000 eligible GR recipients qualified for the HWLA-matched program in the month of June. Preliminary analyses have shown that about one-quarter of these individuals have used a DHS or CP site for health care services in the past.

Approximately 40,000 GR recipients were enrolled without a medical home. DHS is working with the GR recipients, many of whom are homeless, to assign them to a medical home.

DHS is continuing to work with the Department of Public Social Services to increase outreach and awareness regarding coverage and medical home options for the GR population.

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### *News from Inland Empire*

### Victor Valley Community Hospital is Purchased for \$33.8 Million; ICEMA Names New Administrator

An affiliate of Riverside-based KPC Group has purchased Victor Valley Community Hospital for \$33.8 million. The 101-bed medical facility declared bankruptcy in 2010. Victor Valley Community Hospital has filed for approval of the deal with the state attorney general's office.

KPC Group will convert the hospital into a for-profit entity. "On behalf of the KPC Group, we are

very much looking forward to the acquisition of the Victor Valley hospital," said Bill Thomas, executive vice president and general counsel for the buyer. "We believe it plays an important role in providing health care to the Victor Valley community. It will be our mission to not only stabilize but improve the delivery of quality health care to the High Desert community."

In other news from the Inland

Empire, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors named Thomas Lynch as the new Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) Emergency Medical Services Administrator. Former administrator Virginia Hastings retired at the end of June.

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### 5th Annual Southern California Patient Safety Colloquium—Jan. 23

*What's Best and What's Next in Quality and Patient Safety?* Find out at the 5th Annual Southern California Patient Safety Colloquium. Mark your 2013 calendar for Jan. 23 at the Hyatt Regency Orange County.

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## Perinatal Safety Fast Facts Now Online

To stay up-to-date on perinatal safety, visit the latest *Fast Facts* document from the Southern California Patient Safety Collaborative. Now online at [www.hasc.org/fast-sheet/fast-facts-13](http://www.hasc.org/fast-sheet/fast-facts-13), the document from Track III on Perinatal Safety, which includes reducing the frequency of elective deliveries prior to 39 weeks gestation and preventing birth trauma, highlights key topics from the July 17 meeting.

At the most recent Track III meeting, 39 attendees representing 20 hospitals learned about:

- *Quantitative Progress - Reaching for Our Goal!*

- *Physician and Nurse Champions - Eliminating Early Elective Deliveries*
- *Focus on the Mother: Post-Partum Emergencies*
- *Patient Safety Culture Survey: 2010 Results and 2012 Opportunities*
- *Error Prevention: Is Your Program "All In" for 2012? - Chasing Zero Video and Discussion*

The next Track III meeting on Perinatal Safety will take place Tuesday, Oct. 23. A perinatal safety webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 12:15 p.m. SCPS meetings are presented

by HASC, Health Services Advisory Group and 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
- National Health Foundation

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## Events

### Project Management Course for Health Care Workers Offered Aug. 1-3

Need to learn about project management in the health care setting, but not sure where to start?

*Introduction to Project Management* from HASC and the Institute for Performance Excellence is a three-day course that will cover industry-recognized best practices found in the Project Management Institute's Body of Knowledge (PMBOK)® guide.

Learn about everything from creating a project plan with key work streams, to monitoring the budget,

to completing the project on time. Interactive real-world exercises and extensive case studies will help attendees apply the techniques learned and build skills to manage large-scale projects with confidence.

The course is specially adapted for managing improvement projects in health care environments and will focus on:

- Team Management
- Project Planning
- Work-flow Management
- Risk Management

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Transition Management

A complete course description can be found at [http://www.hasc.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/project\\_management\\_course\\_brochure\\_edits\\_v3\\_july19.pdf](http://www.hasc.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/project_management_course_brochure_edits_v3_july19.pdf).

The program will take place at St. Joseph's Hospital - Orange. Cost for HASC members is \$495, \$650 for non-members.

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### Save \$600 on Aug. 13-17 Wound Care Training in Norwalk

HASC, in partnership with the Wound Care Education Institute (WCEI), will bring members of Southern California's hospitals, long-term care providers and home health agencies a four-day skin and wound management training course followed by a certification examination. Use discount code HASC12 to save \$600.

The session will take place Aug.

13-17 at the Double Tree Norwalk.

WCEI's Skin and Wound Management Course seminar provides participants with current evidence-based education in the areas of skin and wound management.

The course is open to anyone, but only licensed health care providers (MD, DO, DPM, PA, PT, PTA, OT, NP/APN, RN, LPN/LVN) can take both the skin and wound manage-

ment course and the wound care certified (WCC®) exam from the National Alliance of Wound Care®.

For full registration information: [www.hasc.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/wcei\\_4\\_day\\_norwalk\\_august\\_2012\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.hasc.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/wcei_4_day_norwalk_august_2012_flyer.pdf).

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## Hospital Representatives Attend Patient and Family Centered Care Conference

More than 250 nurses, hospital administrators, patients, families and allied health professionals representing 55 hospitals gathered in Long Beach for the third annual Patient and Family Centered Care (PFCC) Conference on June 22.

This conference, hosted by National Health Foundation, PFCC Partners, Inc. and HASC, provided an opportunity to learn, develop and share skills in Patient and Family Centered Care. Throughout the day, attendees heard from national experts in the field, including Jim Conway, Principal of Pascal Metrics, and Martha Hayward, Lead for Public and Patient Engagement at Institute for Healthcare Improvement, as well as from hospitals imple-



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menting PFCC within their facilities.

A broad range of topics were addressed, from how to establish patient advisory councils, to strategies to change culture to reflect PFCC philosophy. The conference planning committee is grateful to this year's Champion Sponsors, Anthem Blue Cross and Lucile Packard Foundation for Children's Health, as well as to all the conference sponsors for their generous support.

For more information about the conference and PFCC related activities, please contact Mia Arias, National Health Foundation Director of Programs, at (213) 538-0743 or [marias@nhfca.org](mailto:marias@nhfca.org).

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### HASC Welcomes New Members

HASC is pleased to welcome one new hospital member and four new associate members.

#### Hospital Member

*Doctors Hospital of West Covina*

West Covina, CA

Gerald Wallman, Administrator

License Category: General Acute Care

Licensed Beds: 51

#### Associate Members

*C.W. Driver*

Pasadena, CA

[www.cwdriver.com/](http://www.cwdriver.com/)

Dana Roberts, President/CEO

C.W. Driver provides construction management and design/build services to health care organizations as well as other industries.

*EmCare*

Santa Barbara, CA

[www.emcare.com/](http://www.emcare.com/)

Angel Iscovich, MD, FACEP, CEO

EmCare provides physician services for emergency departments, inpatient physician services, inpatient radiology management programs and anesthesiology services.

*Nexus*

Irvine, CA

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Waheed Choudry, CEO

Nexus provides information technology consulting services to health care providers.

*Nixon Peabody LLP*

Los Angeles, CA

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