



## Los Angeles Supervisors Cede Authority on State Cut to Local EMS Program to County Health Director

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a reimbursement rate reduction for the Physician Services for Indigents Program (PSIP).

Approval of the recommendation will enable a reduction of the reimbursement rate for outstanding FY 2010-11 claims to 12 percent of the Official County Fee Schedule (OCFS) and will establish the initial reimbursement rate at 14 percent of the OCFS effective July 1,

2011 service dates for non-county physician emergency services claims.

The estimated payment for the outstanding claims for FY 2010-11 is \$4.2 million; the total payment for all FY 2011-12 claims is \$20.6 million funded by SB 612 (Maddy), SB 1773, Measure B and the South LA Preservation Fund revenues.

This week, Supervisor Don Knabe introduced a further motion

regarding PSIP, calling for the remainder of the Auditor Controllers' recommendations on an audit of PSIP released in March 2011 to be implemented. This motion also authorizes the Department of Health Services director to adjust future rates without Board of Supervisor authorization.

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## Southern California Patient Safety Collaborative Track I Meeting Will Take Place Nov. 8

The next Track I meeting of the Southern California Patient Safety Collaborative, focusing on Hospital-Acquired Infections, Sepsis & Surgical Care Improvement Project, will take place Nov. 8.

Register online at <http://research.zarca.com/survey.aspx?k=SsWQTYsRTRsPsPsP&lang=0&data=>.

Featured topics and speakers include:

- *Reduction of health care-acquired infections using the Steiros™ Algorithm*  
Riverside Community Hospital Infection Preventionists: J. Tracy Sitton, RN, BSN, CCRN, and Marlene Wilson, RN, CCRN

- *Reducing Hospital-wide HAI: An Environmental Approach*

Daniel Z Uslan, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor and Director of Antimicrobial Stewardship Program, Division of Infectious Diseases, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA

- *Unlocking the Plan: Key Messages from HHS*

Suzanne Anders, MHI, RN, CPHQ, Health Services Advisory Group

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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## Location Changes for Both Upcoming November CalFresh Orientations

HASC and the Los Angeles County of Department Social Services will host community outreach orientations for Los Angeles County HASC hospitals focusing on connecting Medi-Cal patients with access to the benefits of CalFresh, the new name for California's Food Stamp Program (also known on the Federal level as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP).

The locations for both upcoming orientations have changed. The first orientation will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 9, 9:00 - 10:30 a.m., at Long Beach Memorial Hospital, 2801 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, in the Board Room. There

will be a \$5 parking fee. The orientation on Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., will take place at Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center, 1798 N. Garey Ave., Pomona, Pitzer Auditorium.

Sessions will cover eligibility, resources and program services, and are geared toward hospital staff in the following areas: admitting, business office, patient financial services, social work, case management/discharge planning, human resources, and dietitians/nutritionists.

CalFresh provides assistance for low income individuals and families to purchase nutritious foods. A cost-benefit analysis examining 10

common nutritional-related diseases/conditions such as colorectal cancer, heart disease, stroke hypertension, Type 2 diabetes and obesity, indicated that every \$1.00 invested in an a nutrition access program produces \$10.64 in benefits from reduced health care cost, according to a 2009 Year-End Report from the North Carolina Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program.

Please register by Nov. 2 by contacting Dominique Diaz at (714) 750-0788, ext. 16 or [ddiaz@hasc.org](mailto:ddiaz@hasc.org).

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## Registration Open for Alignment in Risk-Sharing Landscape, Nov. 30

Register now for *Alignment in a Risk-Sharing Landscape*, Wednesday, Nov. 30 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles. This one-day program will present three early-adopter models of physician/hospital alignment that have helped successfully deliver care that is more coordinated, appropriate and cost-effective with fewer litigation risks.

Participants will:

- Understand how good medicine results from interdependent roles, stakeholder accountability in an integrated continuum of care, and

structural administrative and governance risk.

- Identify the new risk management "global risk" calculus and bundled payments.
- Learn team vs. individual behavior modification and metrics. Increase peer learning and sharing in the health care environment.
- Understand how to develop and apply a sustainable primary care physician recruitment and retention strategy.

Register online at <http://bit.ly/pBJxVH>.

The program is the first in the

new HASC Game Changers series, a suite of three events designed to address the fundamental changes in how providers, payers and hospitals work in post-health care reform environment. Also part of the series are *Blurring the Lines: Eliminating Silos*, Feb. 1, 2012; and the *Palliative Care Conference: Care Transitions*, Feb. 29, 2012. To register for *Alignment in a Risk-Sharing Landscape* or any of these events, contact HASC's Education Department.

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## Spaces Still Available for Nov. 2 Nurse Staffing Session

Register now for *Understanding the Journey in Nurse Staffing*, a half-day interactive seminar that will provide information on the current and future state of the nursing workforce. The seminar, scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 2 at the HASC Los Angeles Office, is open

to HASC hospital members and is free. Lunch and parking will be provided. Please visit <http://events.SignUp4.com/nursingstaffprogram> to register online.

Course objectives include identifying current nursing workforce trends; describing the steps to cre-

ate a succession plan for management and staff RNs; defining the staffing climate of an organization; and explaining the key considerations for building an internal staff float pool.

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