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Healthy Way LA Members Will Transition to Full-Scope Medi-Cal Benefit Coverage Jan. 1, 2014

In Los Angeles County, about 300,000 Healthy Way LA members are expected to transition to full-scope Medi-Cal benefit coverage. LIHP/HWLA (matched) program ends on Dec. 31, 2013, pursuant to California's 1115 Waiver.

Transitioning HWLA members will receive Medi-Cal coverage through the Medi-Cal managed care plan and can choose between a Medi-Cal plan and primary care provider. "No choice" members will be defaulted into the Medi-Cal managed care plan.

Activity so far suggests a high LIHP/HWLA member "no choice" rate is expected. California has conducted a "matching process" to determine a plan for auto-assigning linkage for no LIHP/HWLA "no choice" members.

On Dec. 27, 2013, L.A. Care will receive a final confirmed list of LIHP/HWLA members transitioning to L.A. Care on Jan. 1, 2014. HWLA members currently assigned to HWLA / DHS clinic home will be assigned to L.A. Care / DHS Participating Provider Group.

L.A. Care and its contracted provider network will honor continuity of care for inpatient admissions with discharge date on or after Jan. 1, 2014. For HWLA members assigned to L.A. Care/DHS Participating Provider Group effective Jan. 1, 2014, DHS/MCS will coordinate discharge planning, and lower level of care service authorizations will be processed by Health Integrated.

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National Health Foundation Receives Grant for San Gabriel Valley Recuperative Care Center Expansion

National Health Foundation recently received a $250,000 grant from the Harold Edelstein Foundation to expand post-hospitalization health care services to homeless patients, specifically for the Recuperative Care Center in the San Gabriel Valley.

With the Edelstein Foundation's grant, NHF's cooperative partners will expand care into the communities of La Puente, West Covina, Glendora, Pomona and others, alleviating the problems hospitals face when there appears to be no safe option for discharging homeless patients.

The grant was proposed in a unique way: NHF's chief operating officer Kelly Bruno pitched the project to hundreds of grantmakers in early November through Social Innovation Fast Pitch, a nonprofit training boot camp program run by Social Venture Partners. The pitch caught the attention of the Harold Edelstein Foundation after the event.

With a referral by hospital social workers, Recuperative Care Center arranges for transportation of the homeless patient, who arrives within hours of referral with medications and follow-up care instructions for an average stay of 10 days. Under NHF's care, a nurse monitors the patient's condition, a social worker develops a discharge plan and a director communicates with the hospital until medical issues are resolved. Millions in cost savings have been realized to more than 60 area hospitals since program inception in 2010.

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Sign Up Now for 2014 Spring Session of LEAD Academy Beginning in January

With the new year comes a chance for self-improvement. If you are a health care supervisor or manager looking to take your skills to the next level, LEAD Academy can help you to develop your own skills, support the development of others, and manage and develop a successful organization.

The Spring 2014 session begins Jan. 24, 2014. Register for all six sessions or for those that most suit your needs. Topics include everything from *Leading Others Through Change* to *Resolving Interpersonal Conflict* to *Leadership Communication Best Practices*.

LEAD Academy sessions provide a safe environment, in small, interactive groups, to practice newly learned skills and align work goals and actions to support the broader vision of the organization.

At the conclusion of the LEAD Academy, participating health care managers will be able to:

- Improve the performance of the people and groups that report to them
- Enhance their contribution to the achievement of facility and system objectives
- Increase their own self-management skills during everyday and stressful situations

Spring 2014 Dates

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- February 21
- March 21
- April 25
- May 16
- June 6

Location: USC Verdugo Hills Hospital,

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- Marisella Brown, HASC
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For full 2014 curriculum and registration information, please visit http://www.hasc.org/education-event/lead-academy-los-angeles-3.

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Movement in OC for Hospitals with County on Care for the Residually Uninsured

After weeks of attempted negotiations with County staff to craft a program for caring for the County's Section 17000 patients (those remaining uninsured starting January 1, 2014), OC hospitals took their case to the Board of Supervisors this week and secured commitments for Board review and oversight of the program that will enhance transparency and improve opportunities for collaboration between the County and hospitals going forward.

The Board of Supervisors also directed staff to modestly increase what the County is calling "interim" or partial payments for hospital services. Hospitals had protested the

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County's plans to not pay agreed-upon rates at the time of claims submission but to instead make a partial payment with the possibility of paying hospitals the balance at the end of the contract term. The modest increase in interim payment levels makes this somewhat more palatable for hospitals. Of particular significance to hospitals, the Board directed over staff's objections not to reduce payments to hospitals without Board approval.

While the Board did not approve the hospitals' request for an initial six-month agreement with an evaluation at six months, the Board did ask for an evaluation at the six-month mark with this evaluation coming back to the Board for consideration as to adjustments that would need to be made in the program design.

SB 82 Triage Grant

Also in Orange County this week, the Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized County Behavioral Health to proceed with an SB 82 triage grant application that is supported by the hospitals. In addition to working with the County on the triage grant applications, hospitals and the County are working together to establish a PES or Psychiatric Emergency Services facility in Orange County to more effectively serve patients experiencing psychiatric emergencies.

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Register online for the 2014 Palliative Care Conference: www.hasc.org/palliative-care-2014.

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- Chino Valley Medical Center – 106%
- College Hospital Costa Mesa – 100%
- Community Memorial Hospital – 133%
- Desert Valley Hospital – 261%
- Encino Hospital Medical Center – 106%
- Garden Grove Hospital and Medical Center – 105%
- Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital – 102%
- Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital – 199%
- Huntington Beach Hospital – 106%
- Kindred Hospital – Brea – 248%
- Kindred Hospital – Westminster – 152%
- La Palma Intercommunity Hospital – 106%
- Menifee Valley Medical Center – 124%
- Miller Childrens Hospital Long Beach – 120%
- Montclair Hospital Medical Center – 112%
- Olympia Medical Center - 212%
- Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center – 107%
- Pacific Alliance Medical Center – 117%
- Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center – 105%
- Saddleback Memorial Medical Center – 121%
- San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital District – 154%
- San Dimas Community Hospital – 113%
- San Gorgonio Memorial Hospital – 100%
- Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital – 106%
- Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital – 125%
- Sherman Oaks Hospital – 106%
- St. Francis Medical Center – 103%
- West Anaheim Medical Center – 160%
- White Memorial Medical Center – 102%

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