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What is the Hemophilia Council of California?

Our **Beginning**

HCC is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization formed in 1989 to to coordinate the shared advocacy agenda of the four California hemophilia organizations

Our **Focus**

HCC coordinates statewide access, education and advocacy efforts on behalf of individuals living with bleeding disorders and rare or chronic conditions

Our **Advocacy**

HCC advocates to protect access to care, promote progressive treatment options and advance the quality of life for these individuals, families and caregivers



Mission & Vision

Our **Mission**

To improve access to care and treatment options in order to advance the quality of life for people with bleeding disorders through advocacy, education, and outreach in collaboration with our founding member organizations

Our **Vision**

Open access to quality innovative care and choice of treatment for all people with bleeding disorders



CA State Budget & Policy Update

Cher Gonzalez

- Principal with Resolute Company
- Health policy expert and long-time legislative advocate

What is in the newly proposed State Budget?

- Advance the highest state education funding in history
- Investments to address homelessness and expand housing supply
- Expand Medi-Cal, cut prescription drug costs and bolster mental and behavioral health services
- Fight climate change and protect communities from flooding, drought, wildfires and extreme heat
- Combat fentanyl, organized retail theft and other crimes
- Support economic development and small business across the state

Specific health spending proposals

- **California's Behavioral Health Community-Based Continuum Demonstration**
 - \$6.1 billion over 5 years for DHCS and the DSS to implement on January 1, 2024 to expand behavioral health services and strengthen the continuum of mental health services for Medi-Cal beneficiaries living with serious mental illness and serious emotional disturbance, individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness, and justice-involved individuals.
- **Opioid and Fentanyl Response**
 - \$93 million in Opioid Settlement Fund over four years beginning in 2023-24 to support youth- and fentanyl-focused investments for DHCS and DPH as follows:
 - \$79 million for the Naloxone Distribution Project, \$10 million for fentanyl program grants to increase local efforts in education, testing, recovery, and support and \$4 million to support innovative approaches to make fentanyl test strips and naloxone more widely available.
- **Health and Human Services Innovation Accelerator Initiative**
 - This Initiative will seed a new entity and provide an initial investment so that researchers and developers can create solutions to the “greatest health challenges facing Californians.” This program will also create a State Innovation Transition Team within government to enhance innovation within safety-net programs. Funding for this initiative will be included in the May Revision.

Health spending proposals (cont.)

- **Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act Modernization Pilot Program**
 - \$37.2 million annually across five years starting in 2022-23 for pilot programs supporting community-based services programs, senior nutrition support, family and caregiver supports, senior volunteer development, and/or aging in place. This reflects \$186 million General Fund spent over five years instead of across three years as originally planned in the 2022 Budget Act.
- **Home- and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Spending Plan**
 - The 2021 Budget Act appropriated funding made available pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to enhance Home and Community-Based Services for 26 initiatives across 6 HHS departments. The Budget includes a \$60 million reduction in funding compared to the 2022 Budget Act. California will not use the additional optional year to spend the enhanced federal funding.
- **Emergency Response and SMARTER Plan Implementation**
 - The Budget reflects \$176.6 million General Fund in 2023-24 to continue the state's efforts to protect the public's health against COVID-19, consistent with the Administration's SMARTER Plan, and maintain significant information technology systems, including the California COVID Reporting System for laboratory data management and CalCONNECT for case and outbreak investigation.

Other proposals & issues to watch

- Medi-Cal Rx
- CalAIM
- Expansion of Medi-Cal Managed Care
- Access to New Therapies

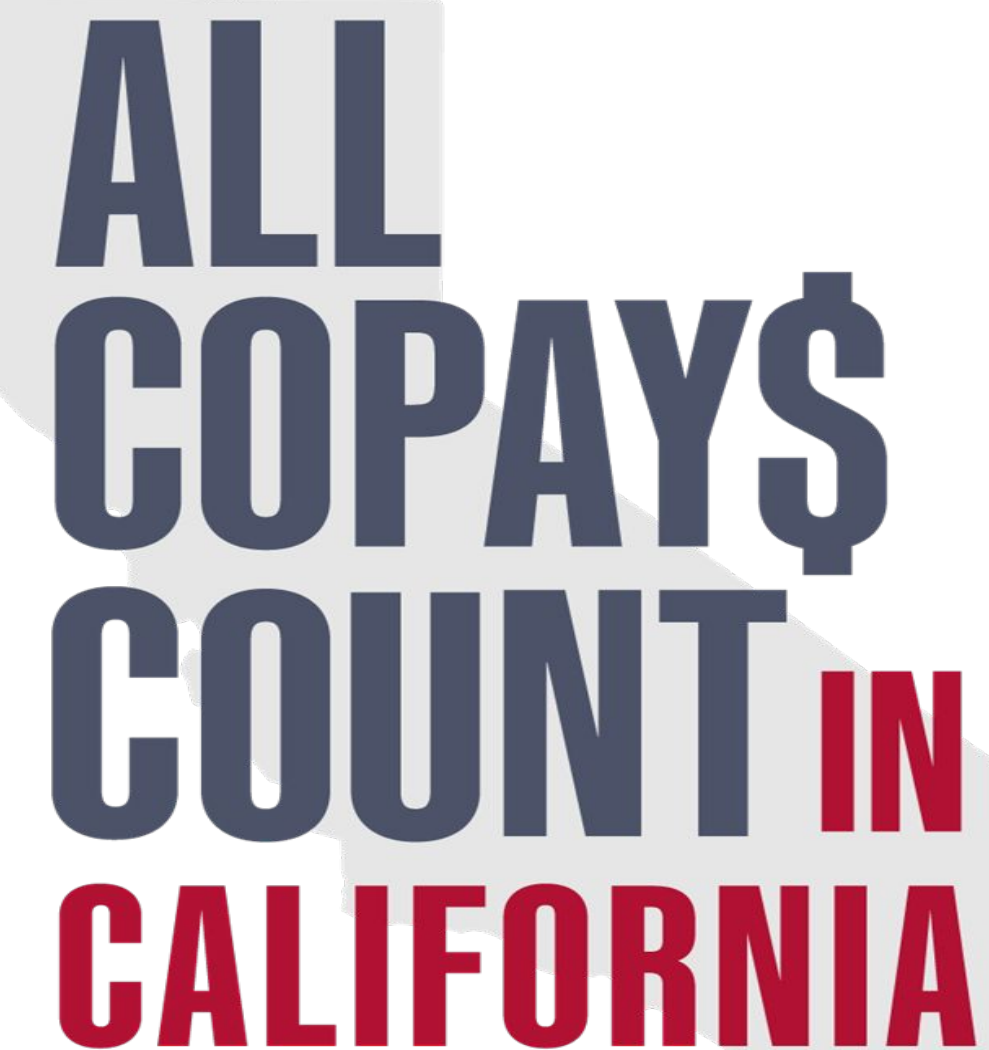


Patient Assistance Programs and the Threat of Copay Accumulators

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How can you help the threats to Copay Accumulators

- Sign and share our petition: <https://p2a.co/MlsnzwE>
- Share your story!



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Things to keep in mind

The state budget & bill proposals are not final and are negotiated throughout the legislative session!

Your voices are critical to help shape these proposals into policies that benefit and do not harm our community.

Register now for Legislative Day or Future Leaders to help advocate!

GHPP & CCS - Reminders

- GHPP provides services for those 21 and over. CCS provides services for those up to age 21. Both are funded by the Governor's proposed budget.
- It is critical that patients research and understand all their coverage options – including private insurance, Covered California, Medi-Cal, GHPP and CCS. Note: Covered California enrollment ends January 31!
- We have many resources on our website & YouTube channel, especially regarding GHPP and CCS.
- HCC is available to assist you in researching your options and understanding what is available.

Mental Health Resources

- Mental health and substance abuse help are available through Medi-Cal, GHPP and many private insurers.
- California continues to expand access to these resources, although the number of providers continues to be a challenge.
- HCC can provide you a list of resources and how to access them.

Mental Health Access

- HCC is now part of the BD SUMHAC – the Bleeding Disorders Substance Use Mental Health Access Coalition.
- This is a national effort to ensure patients with bleeding disorders have access to inpatient substance use or in-patient mental health treatment.
- If you or someone you know has had difficulty accessing these services, please contact HCC so we can help.

2022 HCC Accomplishments

- Sponsored SCR 74 (Pan) which declared March 2022 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month
- Supported AB 392 (Nazarian) – chaptered into law
- Full funding for Medi-Cal, CCS and GHPP
- Overcame access barriers due to Medi-Cal Rx. Creation of clinical liaison team.
- First year of Advocacy & Access Ambassadors Program
- Groundwork building CA All Copays Counts Coalition

What HCC has planned for 2023

- Advocacy & Public Policy Webinar Series
- Advocacy & Access Ambassadors
- NHF Washington Days – **Registration closes January 30th!**
- Future Leaders – **Registration closes February 3rd!**
- Legislative Day – **Registration open now!**
- Policy Summits – **February 2nd and September 14th**
- Policy News and Action Alerts
- Collaboration with your Local Foundation

HCC 2023 Advocacy Priorities



Protect Benefits

HCC will advocate to protect benefits and access to Medi-Cal, CCS and GHPP for all patients with bleeding disorders.

HCC will also monitor Medi-Cal Rx and CalAIM to ensure we maximize access and benefits for bleeding disorders patients..



All Copays Count

HCC will work with our coalition partners to introduce legislation to ensure that all copays are applied to a patient's deductible and out-of-pocket expenses to help patients maintain access to medications and health care.



March BDA Month

As in years past, HCC will sponsor a resolution to declare March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month and raise awareness about bleeding disorders.

Overview of Upcoming Webinars

- February 28 – Telling Your Bleeding Disorders Story
- March 15 – Legislative Briefing
- April 26 – Women and Bleeding Disorders
- May 31, September 27, October 25 and November 29

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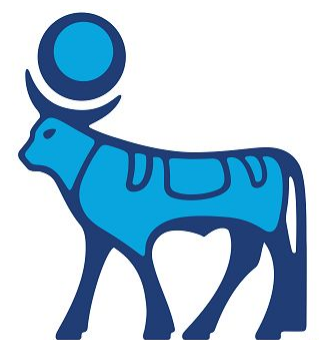
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