



## CCHI Newsletter August 2018

Our newsletter contains useful information to support the work we do to improve the health and well-being of communities. Find updates, resources, and more below!

### Ice Breakers

"How much does a polar bear weigh?"

#### "Can of Worms"

This cartoon shows why it is important to ALWAYS read the label.

Cartoon by: Brian Crane

Courtesy of: The Cartoonist Group

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### Public Charge

Do you have questions about Public Charge and who will be affected?

Check out this video about what Public Charge is, who is affected, and how we can help.



**This video was made in conjunction  
with The LIBRE Project and  
the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo  
County**

## **Updates**

### **We're Coming For You, Central Coast!**

This week, the CCHI team is very excited to be heading down the coast to the First 5 Santa Cruz offices for a wonderful discussion with our Central Coast Regional representatives of CCHI and Assister's from around the area.

The meeting is open to CCHI members, however if you would like to be involved in the meeting, please email William at [William@CCHI.org](mailto:William@CCHI.org) and he will fill you in on how to become a member.

### **Registration for CCHI Webinar Meetings**

CCHI will be asking all participants on our Policy Committee, Assister's Forums, and other Webinar meetings to register with their name and email address for all future meetings.

The reason behind the request is so that we can have an accurate record of who participated on the call, as well as up-to-date contact information for any updates to be sent out by CCHI after the meeting.

Please allot time prior to the start of the meeting to input this information.

### **Send Us Your Updates!**

If you or your member organization would like CCHI to highlight an update or event taking place in your community, please send any information along to William at [William@CCHI.org](mailto:William@CCHI.org) to have it included in our next E-Alert or Newsletter.

## **Assister's Corner**

### **Public Charge**

We would like to thank everyone who was able to participate on our monthly Assister's Forum webinar!

A HUGE thank you goes out to Hope Nakamura from the Legal Aid Society of San Mateo County for leading us in a discussion about Public Charge and how it can affect you in the work you do as assister's and promotores.

While much of the regulations around Public Charge are forthcoming and always a little convoluted, we left our discussion feeling much more informed about what Public Charge is, who it affects, how we can ensure our families are safely gaining access to

care and programs they need, and how to better prepare ourselves for the future of health care enrollment.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to William at [William@CCHI.org](mailto:William@CCHI.org) and he will provide you with any resources from our discussion.

## **Back to School and Enrollment**

Another HUGE thank you goes out to Maria Romero-Mora of CCHI for providing our Assister's with a great talking point around Back to School and Enrollment into health care programs for children.

Children are the foundation for much of the work we do, and it is important to us as Assister's to be able to aid in giving the correct information to parents and enrollees of children.

If there are any additional questions in regards to enrollment, please reach out to Maria at [Maria@CCHI.org](mailto:Maria@CCHI.org).

## **The Roll of Community Agencies and Health Access Assisters**

We would like to say THANK YOU to Lily Caravello from Mendocino County HHSA for discussing the roll her community agencies have played in helping with victims during California's ever-expanding fire season.

Lily discussed with us how Mendocino County has responded to the fires with an outpouring of support from multiple agencies to ensure that the local populations who have been affected by the Mendocino-Complex fire, among others, are taken care of.

While this is a huge undertaking, community foundations and organizations, as well as community agencies and state government employees came together to ensure that their residents did not lose coverage, and were able to access care if they needed it.

This work CANNOT go unrecognized as these times are trying for everyone involved, and thanks to groups like Lily's, some families are able to know that they are safe and cared for.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Save The Date: CCHI Membership Meeting**

Please join CCHI for our September Membership Meeting.

The agenda for this meeting is upcoming, and we will be working in conjunction with Covering Kids and Families (CKF) on a mixer event for after our meeting, as the CKF meeting will be held in Sacramento the following day (Tuesday, September 18th).

**Date**

September 17th, 2018

**Time**

10 AM - 2 PM

**Location**

CPCA Offices, Sacramento, CA

If you have any questions, please reach out to William at [William@CCHI.org](mailto:William@CCHI.org).

## **CCHI Regional Meetings**

Regional meetings are being scheduled right now.

Please be on the look out and respond to any requests for dates and suggestions relating to our regional meetings, as it allows for us to quickly schedule and coordinate any necessary logistics for our meetings.

Current Regional Meetings Scheduled:

**Central Coast** - August 23rd  
**South** - September 6th  
**Los Angeles** - September 20th  
**Central Valley** - October 1st  
**North Central** - October 18th

Information about location and times to come. If you have any questions regarding the meetings, please reach out to CCHI.

## **CHIOC's 3rd Annual "Building A Legacy" Celebration**

Please save the date for CHIOC's 3rd Annual Building A Legacy Celebration!

**Date**  
Wednesday, October 3rd  
**Time**  
4:30 - 6:30 PM  
**Location**  
The Promenade and Gardens by Turnip Rose  
1570 Scenic Ave  
Costa Mesa, CA 92626

For questions and more information, please reach out to Georgina Maldonado at [GMaldonado@CHIOC.org](mailto:GMaldonado@CHIOC.org).

## **Open Enrollment Begins October 15th!**

Mark your calendar! Assist your consumers with their enrollment and sign-up process October 15 through December 15 for a January 1, 2019 effective date.

Consumer's signing up between December 16 and January 15 will have a February 1, 2019 effective date.

Covered California's active renewals begin October 1, 2018.

## **Resources**

### **You're invited to a day of inspiration, engagement, and fellowship!**

Join HOPE for it's 3rd Annual Young Professionals Summit (YPS). The Summit will take place at the historic Grand Central Air Terminal in Glendale, CA on Friday, October 12,

2018.

The HOPE Young Professionals Summit (YPS) offers college-going Latinas and recent graduates from across California professional development opportunities through interactive workshops, discussions and activities.

This conference provides skill building and networking opportunities with the goal of better preparing participants for tomorrow's workforce. The YPS is the signature event of the HOPE College Leadership Program (HCLP).

To view the most up to date Summit Schedule and additional details visit the event page [here](#).

For more information on the Summit or the HOPE College Leadership Program (HCLP), please contact Diana Amaya at [damaya@latinas.org](mailto:damaya@latinas.org).

Click [here](#) for more information.

## **Ensure Consumer Consent for Verification is Current**

When a consumer fills out their application, they choose to allow Covered California to verify the information in their application electronically using the Federal Data Services Hub (FDSH). This is called Consent for Verification.

A consumer may authorize Covered California to electronically verify their information for a period of zero (0) to five (5) years. Doing so allows Covered California to apply the Advanced Premium Tax Credits (APTC) without the consumer having to take any action.

The annual renewal period is set to begin in October. Consumers need to provide their Consent for Verification by September 30, 2018, in order to benefit from an automated renewal process without losing their Advanced Premium Tax Credit (APTC). Review the [Consent for Verification Notice](#) that Covered California sent to consumers last week and the [Consent for Verification Quick Guide](#) for more information. Also watch the [How to Update Consent Video](#) for instructions on updating consumer consent.

## **Should Coffee Come With Cancer Warnings? California Says No.**

In every cup of coffee, there is a chemical linked to cancer. That undisputed fact led a Los Angeles judge to rule this spring that coffee companies must provide cancer warnings to coffee drinkers. The ruling cast a shadow on a daily and often essential rite for more than 100 million Americans.

Read the full article [here](#).

## **Unhealthy Smoky Air Blankets Northwest**

Unhealthy air filled with smoke from wildfires blanketed the Northwest again on Wednesday. Washington state had the worst air quality in the country, according to the National Weather Service. In the central Washington cities of Chelan and Wenatchee the air quality Wednesday reached the hazardous level, prompting Chelan County officials to distribute masks.

Read the full article [here](#).

## With Scarce Access To Interpreters, Immigrants Struggle To Understand Doctors' Orders

Despite laws guaranteeing access to health care, non-English speakers in the U.S. often rely on family and friends as ad hoc interpreters - and may misunderstand what doctors think they're conveying.

Read the full article [here](#).

## Trump Administration Moves To Penalize Immigrants For Using Government Benefits

The Trump administration is considering penalizing legal immigrants for using government benefits such as Medicaid and food stamps and recently signaled in a public notice that it plans to propose new regulations. Many of the details haven't been finalized. But the idea has already sparked warnings about the consequences for immigrant families, and the nation's health care system.

Read the full article [here](#).

### About CCHI

CCHI, a leader in health advocacy for children and families, is a statewide network of community organizations that champion enrollment into health coverage, access to care and other services.



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