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Welcome to America's Physician Groups' *California Update*. Each week APG reports the latest on health care happenings in the Golden State.

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Legislative Session Updates

APG filed three position letters with the California Legislature this week. Our Association submitted a support letter on [SB 660](#) (Menjivar) which would finalize the implementation of the California "Data Exchange Framework" by adding necessary provider definitions and creating a governance structure for the electronic exchange of patient information. APG participated in a lobbying day on March 19 for this bill with several other stakeholders as part of the Connecting for Better Health consortium.

We also filed two "oppose unless amended" position letters on [AB 543](#) (Gonzalez) and [AB 1041](#) (Bennett). AB 543 is a well-intentioned bill to implement street medicine in the Medi-Cal program. However, APG members have raised significant concerns over elements of the implementation requirements set forth in the bill. Our Medi-Cal members met with the bill's proponents on March 25 to discuss these issues, which concern amendments to address that assigned PCPs receive follow-up notifications of services rendered by street medicine providers and use of the specific specialty network to which the assigned PCP participates.

AB 1041 seeks to reform the existing provider credentialing process through standardization, but the process specified in the bill has not been fully fleshed-out and presents potential conflicts for our members that use the current CAQH standardized form and the HICE credentialing process. APG is working with the bill proponents on potential

amendments that would recognize the existing processes in use by our members.



2025 APG California Policy & Advocacy Meeting Dates

Members, please mark your calendars for APG's California Policy Forum and California Medi-Cal Forum meetings. You can download APG's 2025 events calendar [here](#).

California Policy Forum

2:00 - 3:00 pm

- April 10
- June 12
- November 12

California Medi-Cal Forum

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

- May 20
- October - TBD



APG California Advocacy Member Resources

- **Tracked Health Care Bills [2025-26](#):** bills we're following in the California State Legislature
- **Digital Exchange Framework** [APG member tool kit](#), [QHIO webinar](#) and [DxF Program summary slide deck](#)
- **Office of Health Care Affordability** [regulations](#) and [explanatory slide deck](#)
- APG, Moss Adams, Sheppard Mullin **CMIR Regulation** [webinar](#) and [slides](#)
- **DMHC SB 510** [All Plan Letter](#) on Health Plan payment responsibilities
- **DMHC Quality and Equity Reporting** program [All Plan Letter](#)
- **DHCS Medi-Cal Medical Loss Ratio** [Implementation Summary](#)
- **DHCS Medi-Cal Connect** [Population Health Program](#) Information

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