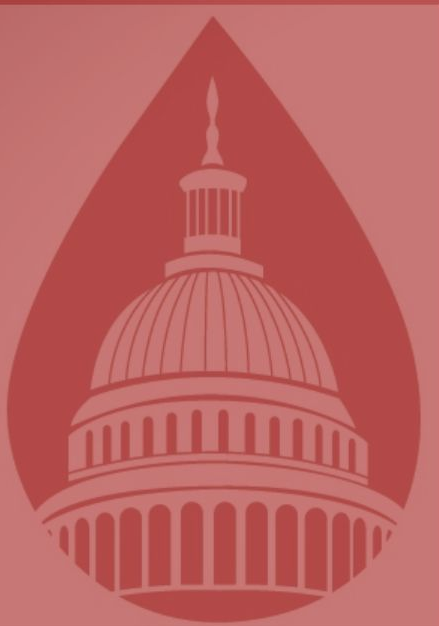


Hemophilia Council of California
Advocacy & Policy Webinar

The State of the State of Healthcare in CA What You Need to Know



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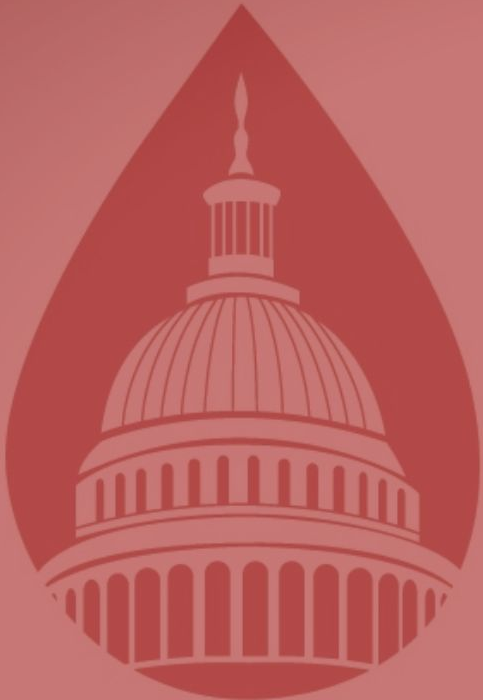
What is the Hemophilia Council of California?

- HCC was founded in 1982 by the four California bleeding disorders organizations and incorporated as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in 1989. Initially formed to coordinate state-level advocacy in response to HIV-contaminated clotting factor, HCC is now a patient advocacy organization that coordinates statewide access, education and advocacy efforts in cooperation with the four California bleeding disorders organizations.
- HCC advocates to protect access to care, promote progressive treatment options and advance the quality of life for individuals, families and caregivers living with hemophilia, von Willebrand disease and other bleeding disorders.



Mission & Vision

- **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
- **Vision** – open access to quality innovative care and choice of treatment for all people with bleeding disorders



Do you have
COVID and
Zoom fatigue?

Well ,we have
more hopeful
news for you in
2022!

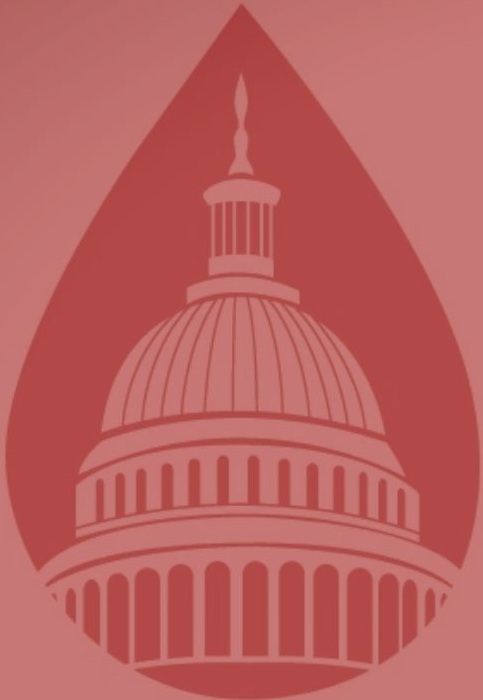


- COVID-19 turned our world upside down and continues to strain our economy and health care system in 2022. But it won't be here forever!
- Advocacy is more important now than ever – even as so many of our programs have continued in a virtual format.
- We will continue advocating to improve access to care and treatment options to advance the quality of life for people with bleeding disorders.
- **The good news in 2022** is that CA's newly proposed State Budget Proposal has a \$45.7 billion surplus!
- **More hopeful news** is that despite “Zoom and Covid fatigue” our voices continue to be heard!
- **We will continue to speak out for our community first virtually and hopefully in person very soon!**

CA State Budget & Policy Update

Terri Cowger Hill –

- Principal with Cowger & Associates
- Health policy expert and long-time legislative advocate for the Hemophilia Council of California





What is in the newly proposed State Budget?

- **There is a projected total surplus of \$45.7 billion!**
- **There is also \$34.6 billion in Reserves!**
- The Governor is proposing to focus upon the following key priorities in 2022 that will be debated during the upcoming Legislative Budget Subcommittee hearings:
- COVID-19 Pandemic & Health Care
- Children and Behavioral Health Proposals
- Climate Change
- Fires
- Education
- Public Safety
- Housing and Homelessness
- Maintaining a Strong Reserve for Economic Uncertainties and Natural Disasters

Specific Details in the 2022 State Budget for Health Care



● COVID-19 Pandemic Relief:

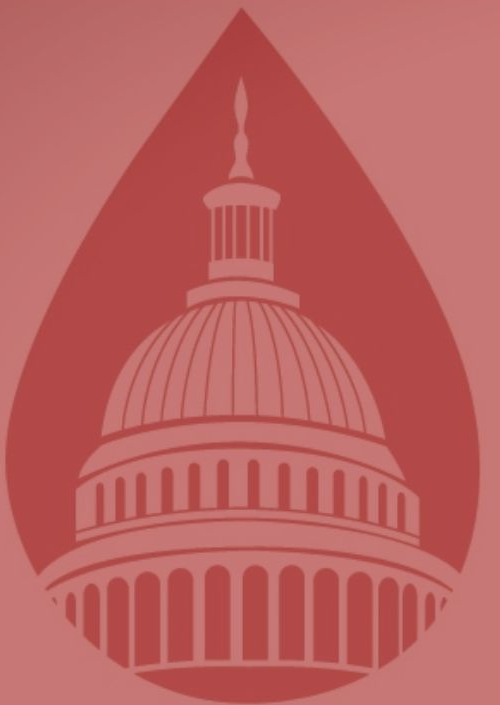
- COVID-19 Pandemic Relief: Governor Announces \$2.7 Billion COVID-19 Emergency Response Package:
 - More funding proposed for testing, vaccines, front line workers, vulnerable populations and contact tracing efforts
 - <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2022/01/08/governor-news-om-announces-new-2-7-billion-covid-19-emergency-response-package/>



Newly Proposed Health Care Items

Health Care & Medi-Cal:

- Expansion of Medi-Cal: Full Scope Eligibility to All Income Eligible Adults Ages 26-49 Regardless of Immigration Status
- Establish Office of Health Care Affordability
- New Plan to Attempt to Reduce the Cost of Insulin (Contract with Drug Companies?)
- Expansion of Behavioral Health Crisis Care Continuum
- Address Opioid Crisis
- Support CA Aging Population by Reforming Nursing Facility Financing & Expanding Alzheimer's Healthy Brain Initiative + Master Plan for Aging
- Implementation of CalAIM: Whole Person Care
- Eliminating Certain Provider Rate Reductions
- Providing Medi-Cal Provider Equity Payments
- More Money for ACEs Screens (Childhood Trauma)
- Reduce Medi-Cal Premiums for Certain Patients: Pregnant Women, Children, Disabled Working Adults
- Extend Dental Managed Care Contracts





Governor Newsom's Key Proposals: Medi-Cal Rx

- January 1, 2022 Medi-Cal Rx Began
- Most outpatient and over the counter meds now processed via Medi-Cal Rx per Magellan Health
- CA Dept of Health Care Services (DHCS) still sets key policy
- There have been some initial issues during first few weeks, but many issues have been resolved and HCC will continue to assist with resolving issues.



Will Medi-Cal Rx Impact Patients with Bleeding Disorders?

- **Most important point – Patients should not be directly impacted.**
- Factor has long been treated differently than most other drugs: It has been carved out of Medi-Cal Managed Care plans since 2014 and reimbursed separately by the state. Under Medi-Cal Rx – most other outpatient pharmacy benefits will now be carved out, too.
- HCC hosted a special webinar in October of 2021 to help prepare providers and Magellan Health for the roll out to our patients.
- We have been told that Magellan must follow all DHCS policy for factor and other medications, but we will continue to monitor for denials and access issues for our patients.
- **Prior Authorizations (PAs) on current outpatient meds are good for 180 days (Jan-July 2022).**
- New prescriptions will need a new PA: [medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov](https://www.medi-calrx.dhcs.ca.gov)
- **Please let HCC know if you or your patients are not getting factor or other life sustaining medications per Medi-Cal Rx and we will do our best to quickly assist. We are here for you!**



CaAIM



- CalAIM is another new program that is rolling out in 2022
- It is basically “whole person care” and will be administered via Medi-Cal Managed Care in CA
- Additional community supports and enhanced care management (ECMs) will be included
- CalAIM will target the most vulnerable such as those in foster care, the homeless, those previously incarcerated, and those needing mental health support
- ECMs for children will roll out more fully in 2023 with input from HCC and others

What is Fee-For-Service vs Managed Care?

Medi-Cal Fee-for-Service (FFS)

- Doctors and other health care providers are paid for each service performed. The patient usually has a broad choice of providers.
- States create their payment methodologies.
- FFS are typically used to address high needs populations – e.g. severe chronic illnesses or individuals in remote areas.

Medi-Cal Managed Care

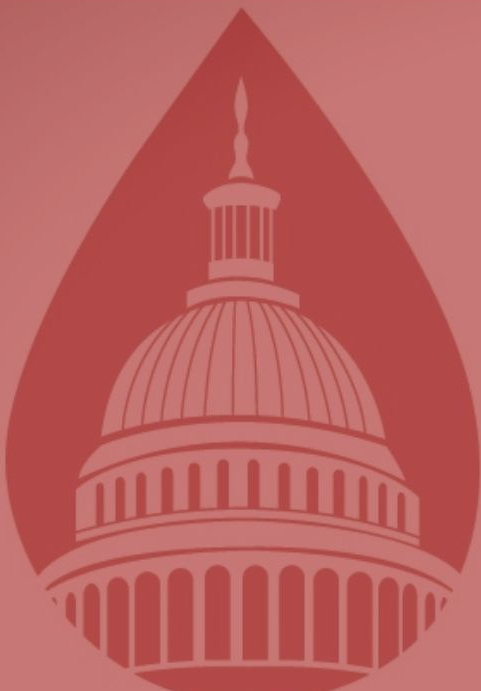
- Organizes health care services with goals of being more efficient and lower cost. More restrictive network and requires prior authorization.
- Uses county organized health systems (COHSs) & other models.
- Core features of managed care:
 - Integration of financing, insurance, delivery, and payment
 - Formal control over utilization



How does Managed Care affect Patients with Bleeding Disorders?

HCC has been monitoring the CCS Whole Child Model Managed Care Pilot

- Historically, HCC has lobbied, along with our rare disease colleagues, to keep CCS and GHPP patients out of managed care.
- During the past four years, many CCS patients have been rolled into the Whole Child Pilot.
- Managed care can be successful for our community, but we must remain vigilant to ensure that managed care does not erect barriers to appropriate treatment.
- You can help by reporting any issues you or your patients experience.



Other proposals & issues to watch

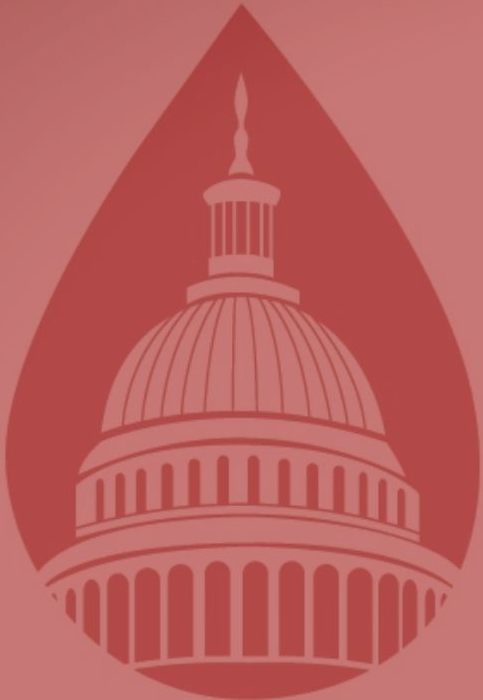


- HCC to introduce a resolution declaring March as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month in California via Senate Health Committee Chair Dr. Richard Pan
- A new step-therapy law was signed into law in CA in 2021 to help our patients (AB 347-Arambula)
- AB 1400/ACA 11 – Single Payor proposal
- Co-pay accumulator adjustors and co-pay caps will likely be addressed at both the state and federal levels
- Telehealth should continue in CA in 2022 and we will monitor it via the state budget and various workgroups and webinars
- We will continue to monitor and influence CalAIM, Enhanced Care Management & Health Equity for our community



**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.**



GHPP & CCS



- GHPP (21 and over) and CCS (0-21) programs remain essentially the same and are fully funded in 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.
- We have a number of resources on our website regarding GHPP and CCS.
- HCC is available to assist patients and local foundations in researching and understanding the available programs for our community.

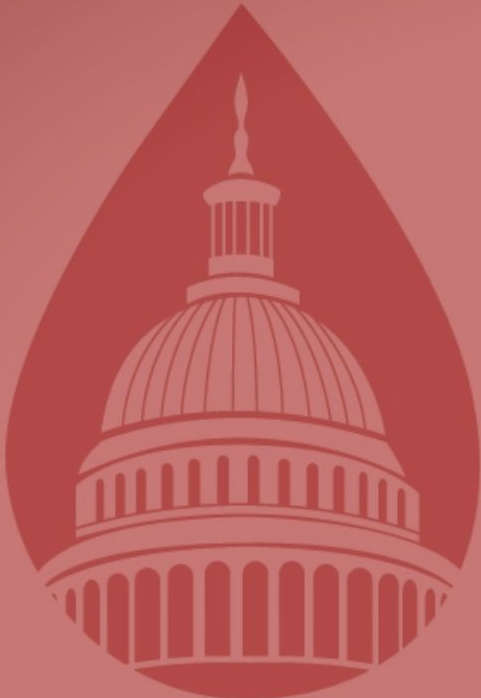
Mental Health Resources

California Resources for Emotional Support & Well-Being

- If you have Medi-Cal and are in need of mental health services, call the number on your health plan membership card, or call your local county mental health line. For help finding what services are covered, call the Medi-Cal Managed Care and Mental Health Office of the Ombudsman at 888-452-8609 Monday through Friday from 8am – 5pm.
- If you have a health plan through your employer or purchase your own health insurance, and are in need of mental health services, call the number on your health plan membership card.
- If you feel like you are coping with your stress by drinking or taking drugs, there is help available from the substance use disorder programs in your county or call the national treatment locator at 800-662-HELP.

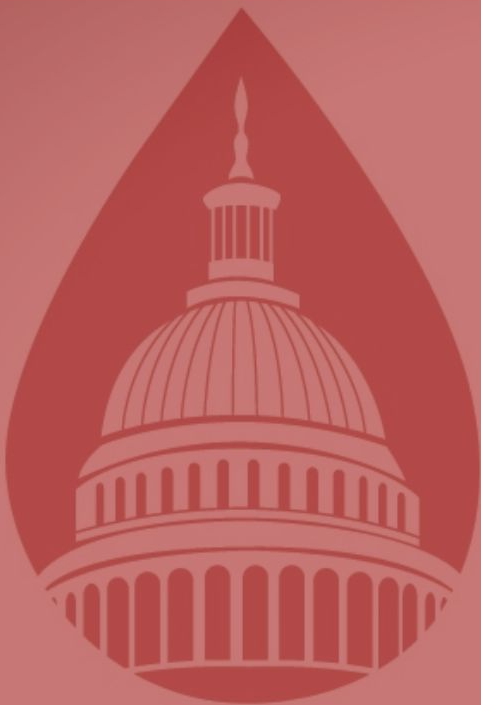
If you are a patient on GHPP (Genetically Handicapped Persons Program)

- Mental Health Services are listed under the benefits: <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/ghpp/Pages/Benefits.aspx>
- The referral must come from your Special Care Center (SCC) or Primary Care Physician (PCP). If you think that you need to see a specialist, contact your SCC physician or nurse coordinator to obtain a referral. The specialist must be a Medi-Cal Provider and willing to accept Medi-Cal rate for payment and must coordinate the care with your SCC and PCP.



2021 HCC Accomplishments

- Sponsored SCR 13 (Pan) – declaring March 2021 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month
- Supported AB 347 (Arambula) – extends step therapy protections
- Full funding for Medi-Cal, GHPP & CCS
- Established Advocacy & Access Ambassadors
- Implemented Phone2Action advocacy campaign tool
- Hosted Advocacy & Public Policy Webinar series and added Spanish translation
- Hosted Health Policy Summits & CANEXTions Summit
- Conducted Health Equity research



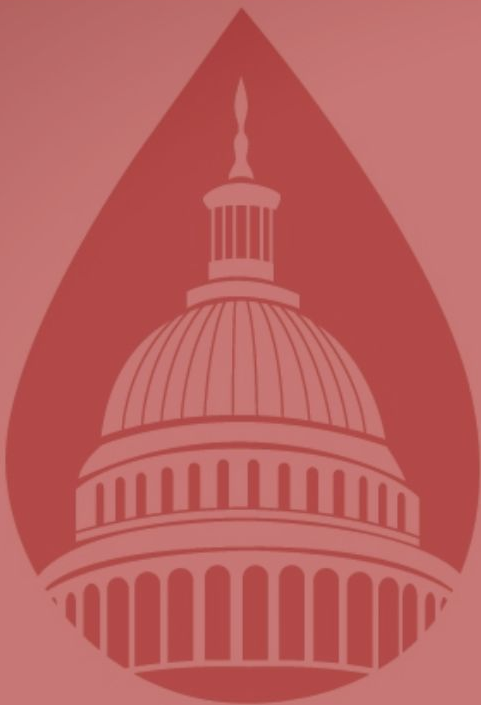
What HCC has planned for 2022

- Advocacy & Public Policy Webinar Series
- Advocacy & Access Ambassadors
- NHF Virtual Washington Days (register by Feb 5)
- Future Leaders – **watch for registration soon!**
- Legislative Day – **watch for registration soon!**
- Policy Summits (Feb 17 & Sep 8)
- Policy News and Action Alerts
- Collaboration with your Local Foundation



HCC 2022 Advocacy Priorities

- Advocate for full funding of Medi-Cal (including proposed expansion), CCS & GHPP
- Introduce SCR declaring March 2022 as Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month
- Support federal and state efforts to ban Accumulator Adjustor programs
- Monitor implementation of Medi-Cal Rx, CalAIM and behavioral health initiatives
- Support HTC sustainability efforts
- Monitor telehealth proposals/expansion
- Expand efforts to understand the barriers underinsured face and advocate for solutions with Dept of Insurance, DMHC and the Legislature



HCC 2022 Educational Priorities

- Increase Advocacy & Public Policy Webinar participation & focus on relevant content
- Focus on health equity, health disparities and health literacy resources & education
- Assist patients with resources to be able to resolve access barriers
- More robust, timely and relevant content on the website



Overview of Upcoming Webinars



Upcoming webinars will take a deeper dive into...

- Why is it Easier to Kill a Bill Than Pass One? ***February 16***
- Understanding Health Insurance – How does it Work? ***April 27***
- Health Care Access - CCS ***May 25***
- and more...

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<http://www.hemophiliaca.org/programs/webinars/>

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