



Step Therapy and You:

How Step Therapy Policies Affect Patient Access to Treatment

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The [California Partnership for Access to Treatment](#) is excited to announce two upcoming free educational seminars for Southern and Northern California health care stakeholders.

"Step Therapy and You: How Step Therapy Policies Affect Patient Access to Treatment" will take place on Friday, June 24 in Los Angeles and on Tuesday, June 28 in Sacramento.

Join health care policy experts, health care providers and patient advocates as we explore how step therapy policies keep beneficiaries from getting medications their doctors prescribe and add barriers to patient access to care.

Speakers will share ideas on how to protect patients' access to the effective, innovative and physician recommended treatments they need to lead healthy, happy and normal lives.

We hope to see you there and please feel free to share this information with your colleagues and health care contacts.

[RSVP - Southern California Friday, June 24 Seminar](#)

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About CPAT News

The California Partnership for Access to Treatment (CPAT) is pleased to provide our latest issue of *CA Access News*, a bi-monthly e-news publication for our partners, members and supporters.

This newsletter highlights state and national health care issues and trends.

CPAT's diverse network of advocacy organizations, community groups, health care providers and employers is committed to ensuring a healthy and productive California.

Please visit [our website](#) for more information about CPAT's free health education network.



The [Partnership to Fight Chronic Disease](#) is pleased to be hosting two events this summer that will highlight a recently released report on the cost of chronic disease in California.

The events are taking place on Tuesday, August 2 in Sacramento and Wednesday, August 3 in Los Angeles.

Event speakers will cite key takeaways from a recent IHS report on chronic disease and discuss the human and financial burden California is expected to face from chronic illness over the next 15 years.

We hope you're able to attend and we will be sending out invitations with more information in the coming weeks.

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With new treatments in the pipeline for cancer, patients and families have more hope than ever before.

From [Hopes to Cures](#), a collection of patient, family and researcher stories, recently featured [Matt](#), a lung cancer survivor who outlived his original stage-four, non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis.

Innovations in gene therapy gave Matt the ability to lead an active and healthy lifestyle. Just six years after his prognosis he's out living - running marathons, riding in cycling competitions and exploring the world with his family.

Matt's #ImNotAverage story is a testament to the tremendous progress made in cancer research and

Health Access Resources

CPAT helps connect partners to information about the changing nature of health care as well as innovations in treatments:

[My Patient Rights](#)

The California Chronic Care Coalition launched this online resource for Californians who have been denied coverage, experienced delays, or are dissatisfied by the decisions made by their health plan.

[Access Better Coverage](#)

Educational resource designed to help consumers understand the ABCs of health coverage and access to prescription medicines.

[From Hope to Cures](#)

Stories about patients who have overcome rare, debilitating and chronic diseases.

new, targeted cell therapies.

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It's crucial that America's uninsured and indigent patients are given access to prescription medicines, and that health care facilities prescribe treatments with the patient's best interest in mind.

That's why the [Alliance for Integrity and Reform \(AIR\)](#), a coalition of patient advocacy groups, clinical care providers and biopharmaceutical innovators, is working to ensure the accountability and transparency of the 340B drug discount program.

Recently, AIR published a [report](#) on the program's ability to effectively and efficiently offer patients the assistance they need. The in-depth analysis suggests that patients are experiencing barriers to access and that the 340B program would benefit from additional oversight and a change in eligibility criteria.

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We're proud to count the [Inland Empire Veterans Stand Down](#) as one of CPAT's partners. The organization's mission is to "rebuild, restore, and reunite our homeless veterans back safely with their families and communities."

The organization works to accomplish this mission by linking veterans with mental health and medical services and connecting homeless veterans to housing organizations, all while serving as advocates for these individuals.

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