

## CA Access News: October 2016 Edition



Outreach and Education  
for a Healthier California

**From Molecule to Miracle:**  
CPAT Seminars Educate California's  
Health, Patient and Policy Leaders

**YOU'RE  
INVITED**



**San Diego**

TUESDAY, OCT. 25 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Bakersfield**

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 26 | 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Complimentary Event

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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.

This fall, the [California Partnership for Access to Treatment \(CPAT\)](#) is partnering with leading medical and biotechnology experts in the state to host two educational seminars: "From Molecule to Miracle 2.0," and "From Molecule to Miracle 1.0."

Policy makers, health care leaders and community stakeholders will gather in San Diego and Bakersfield to will learn about the challenging process, timeline and cost in developing prescription drug treatments, as well as the crucial need for research and development to drive medical innovation.

To RSVP for the Molecule to Miracle 2.0 San Diego Oct. 25 seminar, click [here](#). If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Jodi Epstein at [Jodi@cerrell.com](mailto:Jodi@cerrell.com).

To RSVP for the Molecule to Miracle 1.0 Bakersfield Oct. 26 seminar, click [here](#). If you have questions regarding this event, please contact Erica Root at [Erica@perrycom.com](mailto:Erica@perrycom.com).



Medicare Open Enrollment started on October 15. Have you updated your current healthcare and Part D plan based on your medical needs?

With the Medicare Part D enrollment period (October 15 - December 7) underway, seniors and individuals with disabilities can review, compare and select their healthcare plan choices, including Medicare Part D prescription drug plans. [Switching your plans may even help you save money.](#)

Here is a helpful [toolkit](#) that provides an overview of Medicare Part D enrollment in California; tips and educational hotlines; information about the extra help program; myths and facts about Part D; and a social media resource guide.

Share this resource on your social media channels; we've even prepared a few sample posts you can use:

- #MedicareOpenEnrollment #PartD social media guide provided by CAAccess: <http://bit.ly/2bNebX0>
- #MedicareOpenEnrollment is approaching. Check out #Medicare Plan Finder for info about #partD plans! <http://1.usa.gov/1AezyE7> #partDworks
- Member Alert: #MedicareOpenEnrollment #PartD toolkit available now: <http://bit.ly/2bNebX0>

## 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.

### [Medication Adherence Alliance](#)

Website that serves as a comprehensive repository of up-to-date adherence resources for the public, including patients, family members and caregivers, healthcare providers, and policy makers.

### [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.

**Medicines in Development:**  
for Autoimmune Diseases Offer Patients Hope

More than 23.5 million Americans are affected by one of the more than 80 autoimmune diseases identified to date. Since these diseases range in severity and present unique symptoms and challenges, the need for

innovative treatments and cures has never been greater.

A new [PhRMA](#) report, "Medicines in Development for Autoimmune Diseases," released in partnership with the [Lupus Foundation of America](#), demonstrates how the 300+ medicines currently in development offer patients with diseases such as arthritis, Crohn's disease, lupus, Type 1 diabetes and multiple sclerosis the opportunity to live longer, healthier lives.

Learn how patients with an autoimmune disease have more hope than ever before with the tremendous progress that the biopharmaceutical industry offers patients and their families.

[Read more](#)

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When taken correctly, medicines can go a long way to help relieve symptoms, fight certain infections and improve the functioning and quality of life for those with common chronic illnesses such as arthritis, cancer, hypertension, heart disease, diabetes or depression.

It can be hard to stay updated about all of the medicines your family members or patient populations take, but it's important to be in the know to protect their health and safety. Check out this [Medicine Safety Toolkit](#), listed on the Medication Adherence Alliance website, which provides useful information that aids in the promotion of safe and effective medicine use. The toolkit covers medication safety information on critical questions that persons of all ages should be asking their healthcare providers.

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Since 1990, the American Liver Foundation's Pacific Coast Division has served communities of San Diego County, Riverside County and Imperial Valley, helping those affected by liver disease. They proudly promote liver health and disease prevention through research, education, and advocacy for those affected by liver-related diseases, including hepatitis.

The Pacific Coast Division carries out their important mission by offering free liver wellness educational programs, support group and medical referrals, and up-to-date information for patients, friends, and family on recent advances in disease treatment and management.

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