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**Know Your Patient Rights:
The Good, The Bad, and The Denied**

The [California Partnership for Access to Treatment](#) hosted its first seminar of the year on April 4 in Sacramento and April 6 in San Diego.

Participants of "Know Your Patient Rights: The Good, The Bad, and The Denied" heard from specialists about the landscape of health coverage in California, the overall patient experience in the state, and proper actions patients can take if they are denied or delayed treatment.

Assemblymembers Todd Gloria and Marie Waldron provided opening remarks, while Elizabeth Abbott, Director of the [California Office of the Patient Advocate \(OPA\)](#), discussed how her agency informs and empowers health care consumers.

The seminar concluded with a presentation on [My Patient Rights](#) (MPR) California, a free-to-use online resource that educates patients on how to exercise their health care rights.

About CPAT News

The California Partnership for Access to Treatment (CPAT) is pleased to provide our latest issue of *The Partnership Pulse*, 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.

Health Access Resources

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MyPatientRights.org:
Share your story



Are you frustrated with your health plan? Have you been denied the medication or treatment you need? Has your care been delayed? Do you have an unfair pre-authorization issue?

Visit MyPatientRights.org to voice your concerns as a health care consumer.

My Patient Rights (MPR) is an online resource inspired by real patients who have experienced barriers accessing the care they deserve. The website allows patients to file complaints, connect with top government agencies and state regulators, and get answers to tough coverage questions.

MPR is available to present at your organization's next meeting, event or webinar! To learn more about how we can help educate your members about MPR and how it is helping patients navigate their health plans, please email info@mypatientrights.org.

Share your story today and follow MPR on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).



May is Lupus Awareness month!

Did you know more than 16,000 new cases of Lupus are reported annually across the country and it is believed that five million people throughout the world suffer from this disease?

Want to help? CPAT partner, [Lupus Foundation of Southern California](#), is celebrating Lupus awareness month by hosting their annual [Beer to The Rescue](#). With over 40 events throughout Southern California, attendees can support Lupus patients in a variety of fun environments.

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.

[Office of the Patient Advocate](#)

The Office of the Patient Advocate's mission is to improve California health care quality and advocate for consumer interests by publicly reporting data for informed decision making.

[Partnership for Prescription Assistance](#)

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA) increases awareness of patient assistance programs. PPA is a single point of access to more than 475 public and private programs, including about 200 programs offered by biopharmaceutical companies.

[Medicare.gov](#)

Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older, certain younger people with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease. Medicare.gov is the official U.S. Government site for Medicare.

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