

The Partnership's Pulse: October Edition



The [California Partnership for Access to Treatment](#) (CPAT) hosted the "Making an Impact: The Future of Healthcare in California" webinar in August to educate our partners about how to effectively navigate the California legislature.

Participants gained an in-depth understanding of pressing state and federal healthcare policies, and were provided a complimentary [CPAT advocate toolkit](#) filled with health resources and best practices.

Thank you to Assemblymember Marie Waldron for providing opening remarks, as well as our speakers: Nicette Short, Legislative Advocate for Noteware Government Relations, and Paul Lindsay, Deputy Vice President-Federal Advocacy & Strategic Alliances at PhRMA. [Check out their presentation](#) and thank you to all of our participants.

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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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CPAT was proud to partner with the Minority Health Institute for an educational luncheon, "Healthcare Reform: Obama vs. Trump," presented by Dr. Richard Allen Williams to a packed house in Los Angeles.

Dr. Williams detailed the recent failed proposals to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA), and offered ways in which the ACA could be strengthened to ensure greater coverage for those in need and more insurance options for areas without competition.

Please see Dr. Williams' [presentation](#) and thank you to the more than 100 participants for being active attendees and for sharing your thoughts on the future of healthcare.



[Middlemen Who Save \\$\\$ On Medicines - But Maybe Not For You](#)

Do you know what a [Pharmacy Benefit Manager \(PBM\)](#) is? PBMs are the unnoticed middlemen who save money on medicine, but those savings most often don't get passed along to you.

Kaiser Health News elaborates the appearance of these multimillion-dollar corporations and the impact they have on medication costs and patients' access to these treatments.

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](#)

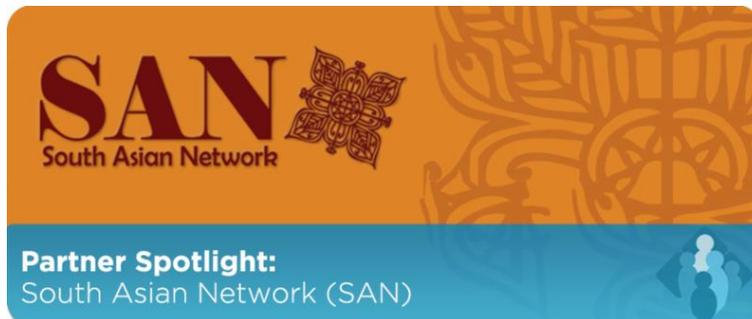
Medicare is the federal health insurance program for people who are 65 or older, certain younger people with disabilities, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease. Medicare.gov is the official U.S. Government site for Medicare.



One in eight women in the United States will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime and it is the second leading cause of cancer death in women.

According to the World Health Organization, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women worldwide, claiming the lives of hundreds of thousands of women each year and affecting countries at all levels of modernization. Due to better screening, early detection, increased awareness, and continually improving treatment options, death rates from breast cancer have been declining since 1990.

Through advocating for early detection, education and support services, we can help those affected by breast cancer. Visit the [National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.](#) for opportunities to increase awareness of this disease.



Founded in 1990, [South Asian Network](#) (SAN) is a community based organization advancing the health, well-being, and civil rights of South Asians in Southern California. SAN believes in self-sustaining communities who actively raise their voices, take leadership and challenge social injustices, both within and beyond the South Asian community.

Given the multiple identities of gender, sexuality, class, religion, ethnicity and language in the diverse South Asian communities, SAN is committed to challenging and addressing broader social injustice and building alliances between South Asians and other communities in Southern California who struggle for long-term social change.

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