

Weekly Medical Directors Briefing

January 20 – 24, 2020

ACEs Aware, Request for Proposal Issued

A [Request for Proposal \(RFP\)](#) was issued on December 20, 2019, for the [ACEs Aware Initiative](#), California's effort to screen, treat, and health the harmful effects of childhood trauma. The RFP supports the work of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) of the California Surgeon General to implement ACEs Aware.

Please visit the [ACEs Aware Learning & Engagement Opportunities](#) page for further updates. RFP applications are due on Monday, February 10, 2020, and should be sent in Microsoft Word format to info@acesaware.org.

The ACEs Aware initiative is a first-in-the-nation statewide effort to screen children and adults for Adverse childhood Experiences (ACEs) in primary care, and to treat the impacts of toxic stress with trauma-informed care. ACEs Aware is built on the consensus of scientific evidence demonstrating that early detection and evidence-based intervention improves outcomes. The bold goal of this initiative is to reduce ACEs and toxic stress by half in one generation, and to launch a national movement to ensure everyone is ACEs Aware.

For more information, visit ACEsAware.org. Questions about the initiative may be sent to info@acesaware.org.

Project ECHO™ Type 1 Diabetes

Access to endocrinologists for people with Type 1 Diabetes (T1D) is challenging for many people across the United States. Stanford University is looking for **primary care providers who give care to those with T1D to complete a survey and adult participants (age 18 and over) who have been diagnosed with T1D who only see an endocrinologist once a year or a primary care provider for T1D** needs to participate in a focus group. Adult participants may be asked to come to a one to two hour long focus group with about 5-9 other adults with T1D to discuss experiences in their diabetes care.

Inclusion Criteria:

- PCPs: Licensed Provider in the State of California
- Adults (18+) with T1D: T1D Diagnosis and not routinely seeing a specialist for their diabetes care

Exclusion Criteria:

- PCPs: N/A
- Adults (18+) with T1D: Not interest in participating

More Information: If you're interested in learning more about this study, please reach out to the project staff listed on the right. You may also visit Project ECHO's [website](#) for additional information.

PHC Educational Opportunities and Events

Provider Loan Repayment Program Webinar

Partnership HealthPlan of California (PHC) and Physicians for a Healthy California, held a webinar covering the CalHealthCares Loan Repayment Program, on December 18, 2019.

Topics included:

- General Program Overview
- Year 2 funding cycle details
- Application submission and on-line portal guidance
- Review sample Personal Statement
- Question and Answer opportunity

Who Should Watch? All Physician Specialties (including Primary Care), Dentist, and staff responsible for recruitment and retention of providers (that want to learn more about the CalHealthCares loan repayment program).

Note: This Webinar is On Demand, meaning that it is open to watch at your availability.

[Watch the Webinar on YouTube](#)

[PHC's Provider Recruitment Program \(PRP\)](#)

Apply for CalHealthCares Loan Repayment Program, Starting January 13, 2020!

To answer questions about the application process, Physicians for a Healthy California is hosting several webinars so applicants may receive detailed information and get answers to their individual questions on the spot.

Click on a date below to register:

- [January 21, 2020, 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.](#)
- [January 27, 2020, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.](#)
- [February 4, 2020, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.](#)
- [Visit CalHealthCare.org for more information](#)

2020 Primary Care Provider Quality Improvement Program (PCP QIP) Kick-off Webinar

This webinar will review the measurement set for 2020. The 2020 timeline, important due dates, and review of payment methodology will also be shared.

Date: January 22, 2020

Time: Noon - 1 p.m.

Registration: [click here](#)

ABCs of Quality Improvement

At this free, all-day training, participants will be introduced to the Model for Improvement, learn how to develop aim statements, measures and PDSA cycles, and will learn how to use data for quality improvement.

Who should attend? QI clinical champions (providers and nurses), clinic managers, QI staff or project leads, and front and back office staff are encouraged to attend.

Date: March 11, 2020

Time: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Hyatt Regency Sonoma Wine Country - Santa Rosa, CA

Registration: [click here](#)

Recommended Educational Opportunities Outside of PHC

Webinar, Unbefriended and Unrepresented: Medical Decision Making for the Incapacitated and Alone

Patients who have lost capacity to make medical decisions and who have no readily identifiable surrogate decision-maker are known as "unrepresented" (sometimes referred to as "unbefriended") patients. Estimates range from 5% of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) deaths and 3-4% of long-term care residents are unrepresented.

These cases raise clinical, ethical and legal questions about who should make decisions for these patients. The unrepresented may eventually fall into the purview of a public guardian or conservator. However, in most jurisdictions, this is a time-consuming, expensive, and resource-limited option that is ill-suited for complex and often urgent treatment decisions.

This webinar will offer clinicians an approach to managing the growing epidemic of unrepresented older adults with a goal of ensuring that treatments are concordant with their preferences, values and best interests.

Webinar participants will be able to:

- Review the epidemiology of unrepresented older adults and how decisions are currently being made for these individuals.
- Discuss ways to decrease the risk of older adults from becoming unrepresented.

- Provide a clinical, ethical and legal framework for decision-making in unrepresented situations across the continuum of care, including hospital, long-term care, assisted living and hospice settings.
- Share institutional mechanisms to ensure that adequate safeguards are in place to protect this vulnerable population, including a novel program developed using volunteer advocates.

Date: February 4, 2020

Time: 12 p.m. – 1 p.m.

Cost: Standard Registration, \$99.00

Registration: [click here](#)

Eating Disorders 101 - Prevention and Screening Webinar

The majority of those who struggle with Eating Disorders (EDs) never receive treatment, even though effective treatments for a range of eating disorders are well established ([National Institute of Mental Health](#)). There is a need to train primary care and behavioral health providers on how to recognize the signs and symptoms of eating disorders in children, adolescents, and young adults; and to appropriately screen, intervene and treat or refer patients to specialized care in an integrated setting.

This training series will be in collaboration with the National Center of Excellence for Eating Disorders (NCEED), an organization founded in 2018 by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. The goal of this webinar series is to increase health center capacity to detect and treat eating disorders and to increase public knowledge and awareness of these illnesses. This webinar series will address both adolescent and adult populations and address co-occurring diagnoses with eating disorders, mental health and substance use disorder.

Event Information & Registration: [Click Here](#)

Webinar 1: Introduction to Eating Disorders

Dates: January 23, 2020

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Webinar 2: The Role of Primary Care in Treating Eating Disorders

Date: February 2, 2020

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Webinar 3: The Role of Behavioral Health in Treating Eating Disorders

Date: February 2, 2020

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Webinar 4: Addressing Systemic Care Coordination between Health Plans

Date: February 2, 2020

Time: 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.