

## **HIGHLIGHTS**

### **DECEMBER 1, 2016, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

*The following is a summary of items heard by the Board.*

#### **CalOptima Adopts Plan for the Future of the Agency**

The Board of Directors adopted a strategic plan that will guide CalOptima for the next three years and enable the agency to continue thriving in today's challenging health care environment. The final 2017–19 Strategic Plan identifies three priority areas of innovation, value, and partnerships and engagement, and establishes two foundational building blocks of workforce performance and financial strength.

#### **New Funding Priorities Established for Community Investments**

The Board authorized a \$27.8 million spending plan for existing Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) funds to expand and improve services for members. IGTs are transfers of public funds between government entities that are used to draw down matching federal dollars. This allocation of IGT funds will help pay for a variety of projects consistent with regulator and Board approval, including a countywide member health needs assessment, the hiring of additional Personal Care Coordinators to assist seniors and the homeless, and physician incentive payments designed to increase the number of depression screenings.

#### **Board Appoints Member Advisory Committee (MAC) Chair, Vice Chair and CalWORKS Representative**

The Board reappointed Mallory Vega, Executive Director of Acacia Adult Day Services, as Chair of the CalOptima MAC. The Board also appointed Patty Mouton, Vice President of Outreach and Advocacy at Alzheimer's Orange County, as Vice Chair of MAC. Ms. Vega and Ms. Mouton will serve until June 30, 2017. Carlos Robles was appointed by the Board to the MAC seat designated for a representative of the CalWORKs program following the resignation of the previous CalWORKs representative. Mr. Robles is appointed for the remainder of the term until June 30, 2017.

#### **CEO Michael Schrader Addresses Election Impact on Medi-Cal**

CEO Michael Schrader spoke about the implications of the November election for the health care industry in general and California's Medi-Cal expansion population specifically. Mr. Schrader informed the Board that CalOptima is monitoring preliminary information from our associations and is working with principal stakeholders to assess the potential impact of various proposals. He stated that these sources are recommending a watchful approach until more formal plans are put forward. Two areas of possible change include the federal financing obligation for the Medicaid expansion population and the overall structure of the federal Medicaid program. Mr. Schrader noted that there will likely be considerable deliberation about these issues in 2017 because they impact many other aspects of the health care system, and substantive changes will not occur until late 2017 or 2018 at the earliest.