

Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

August 2, 2018

CalOptima Approves \$10 Million for Homeless Health

Responding to the homeless crisis in Orange County, the CalOptima Board of Directors authorized a one-time \$10 million grant to the Orange County Health Care Agency to expand access to recuperative care for homeless CalOptima members. Recuperative care settings offer a safe place for homeless members to recover after being discharged from a hospital or other facility, and studies show that recuperative care promotes quality health care and helps prevent costly rehospitalizations. The funding will be administered through the county's Whole-Person Care Pilot, a program focused on coordinating care and improving outcomes for vulnerable Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The pilot program served 445 homeless individuals last year, and this funding will help meet the projected needs of approximately 2,400 individuals over the next three years.

Rate Analysis Effort Results in an Additional \$14 Million for the Provider Community

CalOptima approved a positive change to health network payment rates for Medi-Cal Classic members, resulting in an increase of approximately \$14 million from January 1–December 31, 2019. After undergoing a thorough analysis known as rate rebasing, CalOptima determined that rates in some member categories should be adjusted to reflect higher provider costs. Further, staff recommended that the rebasing analysis should be conducted every two or three years to ensure that payments remain aligned with actual current experience.

CalOptima Board Chair Elected President of Local Medical Association

CalOptima CEO Michael Schrader announced that Paul Yost, M.D., CalOptima Board Chair, was installed as the president of the Orange County Medical Association (OCMA) on July 21, 2018. Dr. Yost's term is from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019. CalOptima is fortunate to benefit from his connection to the local physician community and from the OCMA's leadership in organized medicine statewide.

CalOptima Board Adjourns in the Memory of Kenneth Bell, M.D.

The life and contributions of obstetrician/gynecologist Kenneth Bell, M.D., were highlighted when the CalOptima Board adjourned the August meeting in his memory. In 1992, Dr. Bell played a major role in changing the local health care landscape by arranging funding through Kaiser Permanente to develop CalOptima as a solution to Orange County's Medi-Cal crisis at the time. Dr. Bell later became CalOptima's Chief Medical Officer. He passed away on July 14, 2018, at the age of 82.

ABOUT CALOPTIMA

CalOptima is a county organized health system that administers health insurance programs for low-income children, adults, seniors and people with disabilities in Orange County. Our mission is to provide members with access to quality health care services delivered in a cost-effective and compassionate manner. As one of Orange County's largest health insurers, we provide coverage through four major programs: Medi-Cal, OneCare Connect Cal MediConnect Plan (Medicare-Medicaid Plan), OneCare (Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plan), and the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE).

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