

***Are We There Yet -- How Will We Know If Health Care Reform Is Working?
Using OSHPD Data to Track the Impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on the Hospital Safety Net***

Tuesday, December 11, 2012
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Moderator: Karen Shore, Center for Health Improvement

10:00 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

Robert David, Director
Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD)

This presentation will provide a general overview of the type of hospital data that is collected by OSHPD including financial, utilization, capacity, staffing, clinical care, and patient demographic data as well as hospital chargemasters, fair pricing policies, and community benefit plans.

10:10 a.m. Profile of California Hospital Financial and Utilization Trends, 2006-2010

Ty Christensen, Manager
Accounting and Reporting Systems Section
Healthcare Information Division, OSHPD

This presentation will summarize Hospital Financial and Utilization Report trend data from 2006 through 2010 from more than 400 licensed California hospitals that report to OSHPD, and will highlight safety net hospitals (i.e., those that serve a disproportionate share of Medi-Cal and uninsured persons). Baseline revenue, expense, and income data by payer source, uncompensated and charity care, capacity and utilization and other metrics will be discussed as these are expected to change under the ACA with the expansion of the number of persons enrolled in Medi-Cal and a reduction in the number of uninsured patients. OSHPD data can be used to measure the year-to-year changes that occur as health care reform becomes fully implemented.

10:30 a.m. California's Safety Net Hospitals – What Are the Key Financial Challenges under the ACA?

Melissa Stafford Jones, President & CEO
California Association of Public Hospitals

This presentation will use OSHPD and other data to focus on the potential impacts of



the ACA on safety net hospitals, i.e., those that serve a disproportionate share of the state's Medi-Cal and uninsured persons. The State's current Low Income Health Program serves as a "bridge to reform" for those indigent adult patients who will become eligible for Medi-Cal in 2014 and it, along with the trend data available at OSHPD, may provide a window to the potential impact of the ACA on the utilization patterns of low income patients and on the financial profile of safety net hospitals.

10:50 a.m. What Will Be the Key Challenges for Patients Who Rely on Safety Net Hospitals?

Lucien Wulsin, Jr., Executive Director and Founder
Insure the Uninsured Project

Ever since the early 1980s, when the State transferred the responsibility for medically indigent adults to the counties, local jurisdictions have been challenged in finding cost effective ways to serve this high need population. Patients have been equally challenged in navigating county health systems. This presentation will use OSHPD and other data to discuss how the ACA and its new coverage options are intended to affect access for the newly insured population and what may be the likely scenarios for those who become insured and those who remain uninsured.

11:10 a.m. Speaker Panel Discussion (Moderated by Mary Pittman, PHI)

This webinar will conclude with a panel discussion among the presenters (above) moderated by Mary Pittman, President and CEO of the Public Health Institute. Panelists will be asked to respond to questions and issues raised by Dr. Pittman as well as from webinar participants in a town hall format.

11:30 a.m. *Adjourn*

