



**CALIFORNIA QUALITY COLLABORATIVE**  
*Breakthroughs for Better Health Care*

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## Hello, 2020!

We hope 2020 is starting off great for everyone! We have a lot of exciting news and events coming up this year and we look forward to seeing many of you and partnering with you on our continued journey of practice transformation.



This year we're launching the next phase of the Practice Transformation Initiative, the **CalHIVE Network!**

CalHIVE's first initiative is a two-year program to support and engage 1,500 clinicians in an improvement collaborative focused on the Central Valley, Inland Empire, and Imperial County. Our aim for this initiative is to improve health outcomes by 15% within participating organizations for patients with diabetes and asthma. Over the course of this two-year collaborative, participants will,

- Apply improvement methodology, including use of aim statements, measures, data-driven improvement, theories for change and change ideas, and conducting Plan-Do-Study-Act cycles.
- Construct a firm foundation for a culture of quality, such as a framework to manage improvement work (e.g., staffing model, reporting relationships, etc.), selecting an improvement model and tools, and establishing goals and measures to monitor performance.
- Make practice transformation a priority within the organization, as demonstrated by senior leadership support and a leadership-endorsed plan, clearly defined, advocates and champions, and organization-wide communication about the program.
- Attend in-person convenings with organization leaders to foster peer-to-peer learning and collaboration to accelerate progress.

### Why join CalHIVE?

Successful participants of CalHIVE will:

- Improve clinical outcomes for the patients that you care for by tackling barriers to practice transformation and across a set of incentivized, meaningful, outcomes-based, common measures.
- Grow your organization's value to practices through increased support to frontline clinicians and support success in value-based payment arrangements.
- Build capacity of data collection and use – for current reporting and future measures.
- Establish benchmarks and allow for comparison across clinicians, practices, and organizations.
- Offer a unique peer-sharing model for healthy 'co-opetition'.

### How to join CalHIVE?

If you are interested in participating and want to learn more, please contact Michael Au at [mau@pbgh.org](mailto:mau@pbgh.org)!

## Upcoming Events

### Spring Improvement Coaching Workshop

May 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>

8:00am-4:30pm PST

The California Endowment

Center for Healthy Communities Oakland

2000 Franklin Street | Oakland, CA 94612



This year we'll be launching another round of our great Improvement Coaching Workshops (ICW). Kicking off the year, we'll be hosting our first workshop up in Northern California in the Bay Area. Whether you want to brush up on some QI skills or you'd like to jump in and start with the basics and build your repertoire of coaching skills, this is the workshop for you!

**[Register today](#)** and take advantage of the Early Bird pricing!

Early bird starts today and ends March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you previously participated in PTI from 2016-2019, and **completed** the program, or if you are a current CQC Health Plan member, please email us at [cqcinfo@calquality.org](mailto:cqcinfo@calquality.org) for your personalized discount code\*.

### Meet our VP!



Please join us in welcoming Dr. Chris Jaeger to the CQC Team! As VP of Care Redesign and Chief Clinical Innovation Officer, he will lead the collaboration with clinicians to redesign how care is delivered, support providers to reduce care variation, and align payment with high-quality care.

[Dr. Jaeger's Bio](#)

### Resource & Tools

#### PTI Library

The PTI team created this library sourced with tools, resources, and content developed during the 4-year program. Available for solo providers/small practices, IPAs, QI professionals supporting primary care transformation. Browse the library or let us know if you have any questions at [cqcinfo@calquality.org](mailto:cqcinfo@calquality.org)

#### [PTI Library](#)

#### Midwifery Initiatives

PBGH developed tools and resource materials to promote the adoption of certified nurse-midwives (CNMs) in California.

Ticket Type	Price
Early Bird	\$1,100.00
Regular Registration	\$1,350.00
Late Registration	\$1,600.00
Previous PTI	\$1,350.00*
Group Rate (3+ people)	\$1,105.00
CQC Health Plan Member	\$1,350.00*

We look forward to seeing you and expanding the coaching community! See you in May!

[REGISTER NOW!](#)

## Biosimilars: The Next Frontier

April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30am-3:00pm PST  
Oakland Marriott City Center  
1001 Broadway, Oakland, CA 94607

Biologics have grown to be a vital component of modern medicine, bringing life-saving treatments to patients suffering from deadly diseases and providing remedies and solutions for those managing chronic conditions.

With many of the biologics facing patent expiration in the upcoming years, the biosimilar market has the foundation to grow rapidly. This presents unique opportunities to reduce healthcare costs and expand access to more affordable treatments for patients.

By attending this event, participants can expect to leave the day with an understanding of the potential for biosimilars and the importance of promoting their use in order to sustain this necessary competitive force. Topics will cover:

- What are biosimilars?
- The changing marketplace
- Alignment of incentives among purchaser, providers and plans
- Optimizing access and affordability through benefit design

More information and registration can be found on [Eventbrite](#). Use code **CalQuality2020** for 50% off of your registration!

## 2020 CalHIPSO Conference: The Interoperability Agenda

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00am-5:00pm PST  
Kimpton Sawyer Hotel  
500 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Building on the success of its 2019 event, CalHIPSO is holding its second ever Health IT conference in Spring of 2020. This interactive conference will bring together

## Midwifery Resources

### Media Gallery



### PTI Final Convening

Take a look at some great moments captured from the day!

### Photo Gallery



### PTI Final Video

Summary of the incredible day together celebrating transformation!

### Video

nationally recognized speakers, including the Director of the ONC Don Rucker, MD, to explore the future of interoperability in California. Attendees at the 2020 conference will be given the opportunity to join working groups to build a plan that will be published later in 2020.

Early Bird Registration ends on April 7, 2020, be sure to [register today!](#)

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## AMERICA'S PHYSICIAN GROUPS

### **APG's Annual Conference 2020 The Value Movement Grows Up: What's Next?**

May 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>  
San Diego, CA

[Register today](#) for America's Physician Groups Annual Conference 2020 The Value Movement Grows Up: What's Next? May 28-30 in San Diego. The conference features some of the nation's foremost speakers, health policy experts, and successful physicians, all of whom are at the forefront of the value movement.

Conference speakers include **Ali Parsa, PhD**, Founder and CEO, Babylon; **Alissa G. Speziale, MD, FACG**, Chief Wellness Officer, Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group; **Niyum Gandhi**, Executive Vice President and Chief Population Health Officer, Mt. Sinai Health System; **Ute Burness, RN**, Director, Mazars USA LLP, and many more! Visit the APG Annual Conference 2020 website for more information and make sure you [register today](#).

#### **Save the Date!**

America's Physician Groups Colloquium 2020  
November 2-4, Grand Hyatt Washington, Washington, DC

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## Program Highlights

### **Promoting Midwifery & High Value Care in Medi-Cal**



On Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, our Blair Dudley hosted a webinar discussing the current landscape of payer practices and recommendations to increase access to midwives in Medi-Cal. Discussion topics included:

- Variation in midwifery contracting and reimbursement practices in California
- How payers can drive improvements in maternal health through network requirements and quality incentives
- Value-based strategies in Medi-Cal

If you happened to miss out on this special event, you can watch the recording [here](#).

The [issue brief](#) mentioned in the webinar, explores the variation in midwifery contracting and reimbursement practices in California, and it explores how payers can drive improvements in maternal health through network requirements, quality incentives, and other value-based strategies.

This [one page document](#) recommends how payers can promote midwifery in commercial, Managed Medi-Cal, and Medi-Cal Fee-For-Service.

For more information, contact [Blair Dudley](#).

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## Partner Highlights

### **New CLOUD Library**

New Library Offers Curated Opioid Use Resources

Author: Allison Leaf

Milbank Memorial Fund recently posted on their blog resources for opioid use, the CLOUD.

The opioid epidemic kills tens of thousands of Americans annually, yet decision makers report that they've struggled to make sense of an overwhelming amount of data about approaches to prevention and treatment. It can be hard to discern which studies may be affected by bias, conflicts of interest, or inadequate methodology. For state policymakers, such confusion makes it challenging to develop effective policies. And as states await the settlement of pending lawsuits against opioid pharmaceutical companies and distributors, an understanding of the evidence becomes even more critical.

That's why we at the Center for Evidence-based Policy (CEbP) at Oregon Health & Science University are proud to announce the launch of the CLOUD, or the Curated Library about Opioid Use for Decision-makers. The CLOUD was built through a \$760,000 grant CEbP received from the Consumer and Prescriber Education Grant Program, a fund established through a nationwide consumer protection settlement over off-label marketing of Neurontin. Its mission was to provide a centralized place for actionable, evidence-based resources for anyone working on issues related to the opioid crisis. Other partners include the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and the Milbank Memorial Fund.

To read more about it, click [here](#).

California Quality Collaborative (CQC) is a health care improvement organization dedicated to advancing the quality and efficiency of the health care delivery system in California. CQC creates scalable, measurable improvement in the care delivery system important to patients, purchasers, providers and health plans.



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