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California Health Policy Forum
Capitol conversations improving health policy

Surgeon General, Financing-Delivery, Quality Forums Slated for 2006

The California Health Policy Forum (CAHPF)—an independent platform for education, idea sharing, and conversations among legislative and executive branch health policy staff—announces three forums for the first quarter of 2006. Held in the Capitol, CAHPF forums are nonpartisan, participant-driven, and solutions oriented. For reservations, contact nkimbrough@chipolicy.org.



Healthcare Financing & Delivery Macro Trends: Jan. 19, 2006, 1 p.m. Room 112.

Speakers: Mark Smith, MD, President of the California HealthCare Foundation, and Bob Brook, MD, Vice President and Director of RAND Health Sciences Program.

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Macro Public Health Trends: January 26, 2006, 1 p.m.

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Room 4203

Speakers: Vice Admiral Richard Carmona, MD, MPH,
United States Surgeon General and California response
panel.

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State Innovations to Advance Quality: February 23, 2006, 1 p.m. Room 112

Speakers (invited): Forest Gesten, MD (New York
Director of Medicaid), Cal Ludeman (Minnesota
Smartbuy Alliance), Steven Hill (State of Washington
Healthcare Authority), and Ken Kizer, MD, MPH,
(National Quality Forum President and former
California Department of Health Services Director).

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HCV Policy Focus on Technology

CHI has teamed with Lorenzo Rossaro, M.D., and the
[UC Davis Center for Health and Technology](#) on a
project to improve the diagnosis and treatment of
hepatitis C in rural Northern California. The goals of
the project are to expand the knowledge and
capabilities of select primary care providers in rural
clinic settings through the application of telemedicine.

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Applying Tobacco Prevention/Cessation in Healthcare Settings

The [California Tobacco Control Alliance](#) and CHI are
working with the County of Sacramento to encourage
tobacco cessation and reduce exposure to second-hand
smoke within hospital and health clinic settings.
Selected hospitals and health clinics within the County
will work towards implementing a comprehensive
tobacco control model program. Evidenced-based
strategies include identifying and counseling all
smokers upon patient arrival, implementing a smoke-
free campus, and implementing a referral system at
discharge to the California Smokers' Helpline.

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