



Welcome to the **February 2019** issue of *OCMA Connect*, our monthly publication focusing on issues specific to Orange County physicians. We hope you enjoy our newsletter and we welcome your input. Please send your comments, ideas or questions to Holly Appelbaum at happelbaum@ocma.org.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment

OCMA Board of Directors approved the following bylaws amendment to present to the general membership for adoption. **The proposed change (highlighted in yellow) provides the opportunity for one additional board seat in the special interest classification for an entity with 250 or more members.** Currently, a special interest classification with 100 members or more is entitled to one board seat and the proposed change does not affect that. One of the main goals for the amendment is to encourage large medical groups and other entities to increase their membership numbers with CMA/OCMA.

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OC Health Care Agency Releases Oral Health Strategic Plan and Launches 'Smile Habits OC' Website



The Orange County Local Oral Health Program (OC-LOHP) was established within the OC Health Care Agency (HCA) with funding from the California Department of Public Health last January. The group was tasked with conducting a comprehensive oral health needs assessment and engaging stakeholders to develop a strategic oral health plan, which is now available at www.ocalhealthinfo.com/oralhealth.

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HEDIS Training 2019



CalOptima is required to report Healthcare Effectiveness Data and Information Set (HEDIS) rates to the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA), Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

As part of this annual reporting requirement, a medical record review is allowed for a subset of measures known as Hybrid Measures. CalOptima recognize that its contracted providers play a vital role in promoting good health to its members. That is why CalOptima has developed a set of online training modules, each containing annual content to help providers understand the measures specifications and required documentation to meet compliance for each annual measure.

Training modules for HEDIS 2019 are located on the CalOptima website at: <https://www.caloptima.org/en/Providers/ManualsPoliciesAndResources/ProviderTrainings/HEDISTrainings.aspx>.

These training modules are designed to assist you and your staff as you work with CalOptima members every day. We encourage you to review all the modules and share the information with your office staff.

If you have questions or need assistance, email CalOptima at HEDISMailBox@CalOptima.org.

Physicians for a Healthy California Awards \$38 Million in Grants to Expand Residency Programs in CA

New tobacco tax revenues will fund 156 slots for physician residencies statewide



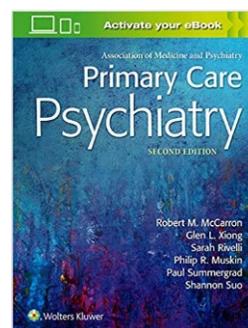
**PHYSICIANS
FOR A HEALTHY
CALIFORNIA**

Physicians for a Healthy California (PHC) announced that more than **\$38 million in new state tobacco tax revenues** has been awarded to graduate medical education (GME) programs across the state **to fund 156 slots for physician residencies**. The first "CalMedForce" grants will help address the state's physician shortage, particularly in underserved communities where patients often lack access to timely and quality health care.

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New and Noteworthy: Books by OCMA Members

Many OCMA members are physicians who write more than prescriptions. OCMA has dedicated this space to promote new releases by OCMA members.



Robert McCarron, D.O. (and co-authors Glen L. Xiong, M.D., Shannon Suo, M.D., Paul Summergrad, M.D., Philip R. Muskin, M.D., and Sarah Rivelli, M.D.) recently released a textbook titled

Primary Care Psychiatry, Second Edition.

About the book:

Perfect for primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, and PAs, who are routinely confronted with behavioral health disorders among patients in a primary care setting, the second edition of this unique multimedia handbook-now affiliated with the Association of Medicine and Psychiatry-sits at the intersection of primary care and psychiatry. You'll find much that is new: updated fundamentals on depression, anxiety, psychosis, substance, and eating disorders, as well as overviews on CBT, motivational therapy, and common pharmacological therapies. With contributors from the worlds of both psychiatry and primary care, you have a perfect package on how to integrate the two in order to deliver better mental health care for your patients.

- * Ebook now features 30-minute educational videos, instructional PowerPoint slides, and a 15-question multiple-choice assessment for every chapter.
- * Includes tips on navigating the psychiatric interview and updated DSM-5 diagnostic criteria.
- * Disorder-specific chapters follow a handy templated format: clinical highlights, diagnosis, treatment, medications, practice tips, and more.
- * True-to-life case studies and patient scenarios illuminate key concepts in psychiatry.
- * Guidance on navigating the Collaborative Care Model and applying the primary care psychiatry assessment.
- * Packed with easy-to-read figures and tables that helps make information easy to digest and implement.

To purchase a copy of this textbook, [click here](#).

If you are a member of OCMA who recently has released a book that you would like to announce here, please forward your name, the title of your book and website for the book to Holly Appelbaum at happelbaum@ocma.org.

Welcome New OCMA Members

Chantal Boisvert, M.D.
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Family Medicine
Costa Mesa

David Joung, M.D.
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Yorba Linda

Aaron Lin, D.O.
Family Medicine
Fullerton

Bryan Phi, M.D.
Family Medicine
Fullerton

David Brown, D.O.
Neurology
Huntington Beach

Jamie Fertal, D.O.
Internal Medicine
Orange

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Gastroenterology
Fullerton

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Endocrinology
Fullerton

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Family Medicine
Fountain Valley

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Family Medicine
Brea

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Family Medicine
Yorba Linda

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Internal Medicine
Orange

Business Partner Profile

NetServe Systems, Inc.



Irvine-based information technology firm **NetServe Systems, Inc.** offers OCMA physician members a wide variety of quality IT products and services; each highly customizable and designed to help busy physicians protect their practices and the important medical data they store. **NetServe's healthcare practice area is structured to directly address the unique IT needs of doctors' offices.** Fixed monthly fees allow members to budget and plan ahead.

Benefit: OCMA members may receive complimentary network infrastructure consultations and **discounted rates of up to 20%** on a wide range of IT managed services solutions including a variety of managed service plans, network infrastructure design and implementation, IT roadmaps, network security solutions, CIO advisory services, data protection and security, and HIPAA compliance and certification.

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