

Welcome to the **October 2016** issue of OCMA Connect, our new 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.

President's Message

Dear OCMA Members,

Fall brings cooler weather, shorter days, football, the anticipation of holidays and yet another new year. This new year, 2017, for physicians is one that brings unprecedented change as it marks the implementation date for MACRA, the Medicare Access and CHIP Re-authorization Act of 2015.



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Legislative Update: What physicians need to know for the upcoming election

Nikan Khatibi, D.O., Co-Chair of the OCMA Legislative Committee, recorded a brief synopsis of what physicians need to know for the upcoming election. He addresses the elections for the first and third districts on the Orange County Board of Supervisors, two CMA-supported propositions and the Presidential election. We encourage you to watch and listen to the video and VOTE on November 8, 2016.

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2016 California Ballot Propositions:

Where Does OCMA/CMA Stand?



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CalOptima Rated Top Medi-Cal Plan in California

National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) recognizes CalOptima's overall

quality

CalOptima is California's top-rated Medi-Cal plan, according to the NCQA's Medicaid Health Insurance Plan Ratings 2016-2017. It is the third year in a row that NCQA has named CalOptima best overall in the state.

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OCMA Legislative Committee

The OCMA Legislative Committee monitors legislative activity pertaining to medicine at the federal, state, and local levels, maintains and promotes close liaisons with elected officials.

It cooperates with the CMA Committee on Legislation in all matters pertaining to legislation, and advises OCMA membership of proper actions to be taken regarding ordinance affecting public health or the medical profession.

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"Ask Mitzi"

OCMA's Physician Advocate Mitzi Young regularly receives questions from members on practice management issues. Mitzi will answer some of those questions in the "Ask Mitzi" column. If you are a member of OCMA/CMA (or practice manager of an OCMA/CMA member) and have a question you want Mitzi to answer here, please send an E-mail to myoung@cmanet.org and include "Ask Mitzi" in the subject line. Mitzi is unable to respond to questions from non-members.

Q: Can an insurance company make physicians sign a 3-year contract?

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OCMA Welcomes Its Newest Members:

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Diagnostic Radiology
Laguna Niguel

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Mission Viejo

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Anesthesiology
Orange

Hasan Budday, MD
Pain Management
Newport Beach

Lawrence Faziola, MD
Psychiatry
Orange

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Santa Ana

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