



The 25th Annual
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
HEALTH CARE
 Symposium

HOSTED BY:



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8:00 am – 9:00 am	Welcome/Registration/Breakfast			
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Keynote Speaker: Amy Weaver, Direct Relief			
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Morning Break - Meet the Exhibitors			
10:15 am – 11:45 am	Policy & Advocacy	Health Center Optimization	Workforce	Clinical Operations
	From Clinic to Community: Empowering Health Care Providers to Lead Conversations that Build Trust (10:45 – 11:45 am) Dr. Ilan Shapiro, AltaMed Health Services	What's Up with Medi-Cal? Curt Degenfelder, Curt Degenfelder Health	Build a Better Team: Organizational Design Strategies that Promote Resilience and Retention (10:30 – 11:30 am) Andy Eck and Deanna Drake, Factoror; and Monica Gutierrez-McCarthy, Eisner Health	Innovating Injustice: AI's Impact on Patients' Lives Kevin De Liban, Tectonic Justice and Connie Lo, Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California
11:45 am – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break with the Exhibitors			
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Policy Hot Topics	Bridging Coverage, Trust, and Retention: Designing Sustainable Medicare Growth for Community Health Centers	From Surviving to Leading: Building Emotional Resilience and Adaptive Capacity for Middle Managers	Care Coordination: Health Related Social Needs and Enhanced Visit Adherence
	Joanne Preece, CCALAC; Aurora Garcia-Barrera, Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers; and Dennis Cuevas-Romero, California Primary Care Association	Johanna Cazares, Alcar Health; Jiovanni Perez, Northeast Valley Health Corporation; and Omar Padilla, JAR Insurance Services	Dr. Emily Ptaszek and Natalie Martin, Elevation Health Partners	Cassia Brockway, Elevation Health Partners; Deanna Newman, CCALAC; and Jared Friedman, Saban Community Clinic
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Snack Break with the Exhibitors			
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	The Future of Medi-Cal	Preparing for the Longevity Age: Optimizing FQHC Medicare Reimbursement	Scorekeeper to Strategist, the Changing Role of the CFO	Breaking Barriers in Diabetes Care: Improved Outcomes through Integration of Clinical and Social Support in a Low-Income Community
	Allie Budenz, California Primary Care Association; Martha Santana-Chin, L.A. Care Health Plan; and Dorothy Seleski, Health Net	Ben Leroi and Nathan Smith, Wipfli; and Elizabeth Meisler, St. John's Community Health	Rebecca Barrientos and Scott Gold, Forvis Mazars	Dr. Yohanna Barth-Rogers and Jennifer Garcia, UMMA Health