



September Newsletter

Ace Kids Act

The Adventist Health Policy Association supports the Ace Kids Act (S.298/H.R. 546). For the approximately 2 million children with medical complexity in the Medicaid program, the ACE Kids Act addresses existing challenges in the system identified by families and physicians, including coordinating care across multiple providers and services and easing access to out-of-state care. While children with medical complexity represent about 6 percent of the children on Medicaid, this small group accounts for 40 percent of Medicaid spending on children. Published studies show positive cost savings for children with medical complexity when they are enrolled in a coordinated care program through increased efficiencies including: reducing hospitalizations and emergency room visits, while also providing the necessary support and services in the community and close to home.



Congrats to Adventist Health!

Six Adventist Health hospitals were ranked high performing by U.S. News and World Report's Best Hospitals for 2016-2017. Hospitals are ranked nationally in specialties and rated in common procedures and conditions. See the rankings below:

- Adventist Medical Center-- Hanford and Adventist Medical Center – Selma: Rated High Performing in COPD and heart failure.
- Adventist Medical Center in Portland: Rated High Performing in heart failure.
- Glendale Adventist Medical Center: Rated High Performing in geriatrics, neurology & neurosurgery, orthopedics and pulmonology. Regionally ranked #24 in California and #13 in the Los Angeles metro area.
- San Joaquin Community Hospital: Rated High Performing for COPD and heart failure
- St. Helena Hospital Napa Valley: Rated High Performing in heart failure, hip replacement and knee replacement.
- White Memorial Medical Center: Rated High Performing in COPD and heart failure.



Florida Hospital will not bill Pulse shooting victims

One of AHPA's facilities, Florida Hospital and their neighbor Orlando Health, announced that they will not bill survivors for any out-of-pocket expenses for victims of the Pulse shooting. At Florida Hospital, which treated a dozen of the clubgoers, officials said they would not even bill the victims' insurance for the treatment, nor will they bill for follow-up surgeries the survivors may need.

"It was incredible to see how our community came together in the wake of the senseless Pulse shooting," said Daryl Tol, Florida Hospital's president and CEO. "We hope this gesture can add to the heart and goodwill that defines Orlando."

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/pulse-orlando-nightclub-shooting/os-orlando-health-wont-bill-pulse-victims-20160824-story.html>



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