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I. Policy and Reporting News

- **DY13 Mid-Year Manual Release.** On January 9, DHCS released the DY13 Mid-Year Manual (posted [here*](#)). On January 17, NCQA, SNI, and DHCS oriented PRIME entities to manual changes (webinar materials posted [here*](#)). Members must use this manual release for when reporting DY13 Mid-Year data by March 31, 2018.
- **APM PRIME Attachment.** CMS approved the Alternative Payment Methodologies (APM) Attachment R outlining options for complying with the APM requirement. DHCS is developing an APM reporting template (timing to be determined). The final attachment and other resources are available on [SNI Link/APM](#). For more information, please contact [Allison Homewood](#) (510-874-7115).

II. PRIME Manager Support

- **Fifteen Public Health Systems make C-section Honor Roll.** Congratulations to the 15 public health care systems named to Smart Care California's C-section Honor Roll for meeting or surpassing the federal Healthy People 2020 C-section target. Read more about [Smart Care California](#) here, and [see the honor roll here](#).
- **February 12 PRIME Manager Webinar.** Due to a local county holiday, San Mateo will not present on HCAHPS on 2/12, as planned. Current topics planned include a Project 2.1 review. If you have any specific questions you want answered on that or other topics please email [Kristina](#).
- **NCQA Audit.** On November 20, NCQA presented a refresher webinar about the optional PRIME audit process (materials posted [here](#)). At the [January PRIME Manager](#) webinar, Natividad shared their PRIME audit experience and system impact. *Reminder:* Please let [SNI](#) know if planning on engaging with an LO for an NCQA PRIME Audit.

III. Implementation Resources

Highlighting resources useful for PRIME program and project implementation. Find more on [SNI Link/PRIME/Project Implementation Resources](#).

- **New Policy Guidance for Palliative Care & Free Training Available** In November 2017, DHCS issued the new [SB 1004 Medi-Cal Palliative Care Policy](#) required by Senate Bill 1004, effective for dates of service on or after January 1, 2018 for managed care and fee-for-service providers. With SB 1004, Medi-Cal providers may render medically necessary palliative care services for recipients who meet both the general eligibility criteria and disease-specific eligibility criteria for at least one of the following diagnoses: congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, advanced cancer, and liver disease. As part of SB 1004, DHCS has contracted with the California State University Institute for Palliative Care to fund palliative care training for qualified Medi-Cal providers and their clinician staff. Providers can apply for palliative care training, available for a limited time at no charge, through the [California State University Institute for Palliative Care website](#). Additional information can be found on the [DHCS website](#); for questions, please contact SB1004@dhcs.ca.gov mailbox.

IV. Upcoming Events / Key Dates

Upcoming SNI Events

- **January 31 (12-1): System Transformation Spotlight: San Francisco's Call Center.** Join us for SNI's first "System Transformation Spotlight," a quarterly webinar series meant to share innovative and impactful member initiatives that support all waiver program outcomes (PRIME, GPP, Whole Person Care). On January 31 (12-1), leaders from San

Francisco Health Network will present on their call center, including implementation, lessons learned, and patient impact. Register [here](#).

- **February 2 (12-1): Data for Improvement Webinar: Improving Data Literacy.** Greg Nelson from [ThotWave](#) will present best practices and tools for improving data literacy at your organization. Register [here](#).
- **February 12 (12-1): PRIME Manager Webinar.** Due to the county holiday, San Mateo will not present on HCAHPS on 2/12, as planned. Current topics planned include a Project 2.1 review. Materials to be posted on [SNI Link/PRIME/Webinars](#)
- **February 15 (12-1): PRIME Office Hours.** SNI to present on metric questions and answers. Materials to be posted on [SNI Link/PRIME/Webinars](#)
- **March 1 (12-1): PRIME Office Hours.** *Please note date change from March 2; the calendar invitation will be updated Monday 1/29. SNI to present on metric questions and answers. Materials to be posted on [SNI Link/PRIME/Webinars](#)
- **March 1 (Oakland, CA): Behavioral Health Integration Roundtable.** SNI's inaugural ambulatory care roundtable will bring together ambulatory care leaders from public systems to share challenges and successes integrating behavioral healthcare in primary care settings. Contact [Abby Gonzalez](#) with registration questions.
- **March 12 (12-1): PRIME Manager Webinar.** UC San Francisco will share on their phone outreach program increasing cancer screenings in primary care. Register [here](#).

Key Dates

- **Mar. 31, 2018** : PRIME Mid-Year DY13 Report Due

About: The PRIME Express is sent every 4th week to CAPH members with information, tools and recent news about PRIME. If you have any topics suggested for a webinar or this Express, please contact [Kristina Mody](#).

All PRIME materials, including this newsletter, are posted on [SNI Link](#). SNI Link is open to all CAPH members with registration.

*Document sharing and discussion board for all PRIME participants can be found on [DHCS' PRIMEOne portal](#). Email PRIME@dhcs.ca.gov to obtain access.

To add or remove people from the PRIME Express please email [Abby Gonzalez](#). Please note that this list is the same as the "PRIME Webinar" distribution list.

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