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Physician Running for State Assembly Faces a Tough Challenge

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Sion Roy, M.D., a cardiologist from Torrance is running for the open Assembly District 50 seat vacated by Richard Bloom representing the West Los Angeles/Santa Monica area. Dr. Roy is a former President of the Los Angeles County Medical Association and practices at Harbor-UCLA.

He faces a strong challenge from Rick Chavez Zbur, JD, a long-time civil rights attorney in the Los Angeles area, who is currently the Executive Director of Equality California, the nation's largest statewide LGBTQ+ civil rights organization.

COA's Political Action Committee (OPAC) strongly supports Dr. Roy and has maxed out our support for his campaign.

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California Hospital Ends Anthem Contract After Alleged Contract Breaches

Becker's Hospital Review

Redding, Calif.-based Shasta Regional Medical Center is cutting its contract with Anthem short because of alleged contract violations, the provider said. In an email to the *Record Searchlight*, Casey Fatch, Shasta Regional Medical Center CEO, accused Anthem of "repeated breaches" of their contract after months of conflict resolution attempts.

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California's Reboot of Troubled Medi-Cal Puts Pressure on Health Plans

California Healthline

Poor care coordination is one of the many shortcomings of Medi-Cal, which covers over a third of the state's population and nearly 40% of children under 18. Advocates, patients and even the state auditor say Medi-Cal has failed to hold accountable the managed-care health plans that cover almost 12 million of its nearly 14 million enrollees. To remedy these failings, the state has begun an ambitious contracting process that aims to commit the health plans to better service.

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Coding Alert: ICD-10-CM 'Excludes 1' Claims Edit

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New CPG and AUC Offer Guidance on More than 24 Perioperative Pain Management Interventions

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In July, the Board of Directors approved a Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) and an accompanying set of Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) on Pharmacologic, Physical, and Cognitive Pain Alleviation for Musculoskeletal Extremity/Pelvis Surgery. The CPG and AUC were developed in collaboration with the Major Extremity Trauma Research Consortium (METRC) and funded by a Department of Defense research grant.

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