

1994

A group of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) come together to form CPCA based on the urgent need to form a viable, statewide organization to address emerging state and federal health reforms.

CPCA's bylaws and articles of incorporation are established; Sophie Wong, Executive Director of North East Medical Services (NEMS) serves as CPCA's acting director of the organization.

1997

CPCA receives funding from the Bureau of Primary Health Care.

Congress launches a major expansion of children's health coverage by creating the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) which creates the Healthy Families Program in California.



CPCA grows, moves to office space at 1201 K Street.

JUNE – Marianne Bennett steps down as CEO; Elizabeth Saviano serves as Interim Director while CPCA conducts CEO search.

OCTOBER – CPCA hosts first Annual Conference in Burbank.

NOVEMBER – Carmela Castellano-Garcia, Esq., becomes CEO of CPCA.

2000

President Clinton signs legislation creating the Prospective Payment System (PPS) for FQHCs.

Sponsored AB 2875 (Cedillo) Cedillo-Alarcon Community Clinic Investment Act of 2000: \$50 million allocated to the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) for disbursement to CCHCs, through a grant process, for infrastructure.

Cástulo de la Rocha, President and CEO of AltaMed Health Services Corporation, becomes the first Region IX representative on the National Association of Community Health Centers' (NACHC) Board of Directors.



2001

CPCA becomes the lead PCA for Region IX and X Health Disparities Collaborative, a multi-year project to improve care and outcomes for chronic diseases.

2003

Sponsored AB 373 (Chu) expands patient choice of culturally and linguistically competent providers and clarified the law to provide for the assignment of Healthy Families enrollees to licensed primary care health centers.

Sponsored SB 36 (Chesbro) requires the state to fully and fairly implement PPS for California FQHCs and RHCs, including supplemental wrap payments and annual MEI adjustments.

Sponsored SB 937 (Ducheny) clarifying and streamlines the licensure process for primary care clinic sites.

2007

Sponsored SB 238 (Aanestad), revising the definition of a visit to include face-to-face encounters with dental hygienists and would set forth applicable rate and billing requirements for clinics providing these services.

Co-sponsored SB 564 (Ridley-Thomas), requiring the State Department of Public Health (DPH) to establish a grant program to provide technical assistance, and funding for the expansion, renovation, and retrofitting of existing school health centers, and the development of new school health centers, in accordance with specified procedures.



2011

Sponsored AB 969 (Atkins) prohibiting consideration of the donation of, or the granting of discounts for, clinical laboratory tests or examinations or laboratory services to a FQHC for the purpose of serving its uninsured patients, as a basis for the reduction of Medi-Cal payments below that reimbursement rate.

2012

The Supreme Court rules to uphold the Affordable Care Act.

CPCA successfully defeats Governor Brown's proposal to eliminate PPS and cut FQHC provider reimbursements by 10 percent; leads to conversations with the state around payment reform.

CPCA and NCQA partner to support members in becoming PCMH recognized.

CPCA's Board votes to approve and move forward with the CaliforniaHealth+ branding campaign. Seventeen CPCA member organizations join the brand as part of a pilot program.



2014

CPCA works with Covered California to easily identify which CaliforniaHealth+ centers have CECs at their sites and identify them in the clinic locator for Californians to easily find where they can get assistance in enrolling in coverage.

CPCA and State move forward with health plans on advancing payment reform in California with a pilot group of CPCA members.



TCE and CaliforniaHealth+ launch the Get Covered, Get Care campaign with billboards throughout the Central Valley and in the city of Los Angeles.



1995

CPCA elects Board of Directors; Sophie Wong becomes CPCA's first Board President.

CPCA submits an application to become the state's sole federally supported primary care association.

CPCA starts regular meetings with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to voice concerns with Medi-Cal managed care transition and other policy issues.

CPCA opens office at 1127 11th Street in Sacramento, California.

Marianne Bennett becomes CPCA's first CEO.

1996

Health Center Consolidation Act brings together community, migrant, homeless, and public housing primary health care programs under one authority.

CPCA hires first policy director; Elizabeth Saviano.

1998

CPCA received \$7.5 million in funding from The California Endowment (TCE) for core support and to create the Information Systems Loan Program (ISLP) for CCHCs.

CPCA hosts its first Advocacy Day!

Sponsored SB 1194 (Rosenthal) which creates a methodology of per visit payment for CCHCs.

Sponsored AB 194 (Thompson) which revises the formula for allocating funding to primary care clinics under the Expanded Access to Primary Care (EAPC) program.

CPCA plays a major role in restoring \$3.6 million in the budget for the Expanded Access to Primary Care (EAPC) Program.

CPCA works with health plans to secure contracts for all interested health centers in the healthy families program that contracts with managed-care plans

1999



CPCA creates Blueprint for Action influencing funders to invest in CCHCs.

CPCA celebrates its 5 year anniversary at its Annual Conference in Los Angeles.

Developed and launched a PSA and toll free number to increase referrals to CCHCs.

Partnered with Tides Foundation to distribute funds for MIS enhancements to CCHCs statewide.

Launched the \$5 million Information Systems Loan Program and approved approximately \$2.1 million in loans to finance CCHC MIS upgrades.

Awarded \$5.5 million from TCE to expand the Loan Program to add emergency loan funding.

Established CPCA Ventures to administer loan and grant programs to CCHCs.

CPCA continues to grow, doubling staff to 19 employees and moving offices to 1215 K Street.

Sponsored SB 584 (Chesbro) establishing a prospective payments system for grants to clinics serving seasonal agricultural and migratory workers and rural areas.

Sponsored AB 1107 (Cedillo) reauthorizing the provision of prenatal care to undocumented women.



2002

Co-sponsored AB 982 (Firebaugh), establishing the California Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program of 2002.

Sponsored AB 2674 (Chu), deleting a state law determined to violate federal law and policy, which required FQHCs and RHCs to waive their right to either cost based reimbursement or a prospective payment rate if they participated in a managed care risk contract.



2004

Sponsored AB 2307 (Richman) streamlining the enrollment of primary care clinics as providers in California's health programs.

Sponsored AB 2390 (Reyes) giving primary care clinics the ability to own and operate mobile dental vans and provide dental services.



2005

Co-sponsored SB 299 (Chesbro) permitting dentists licensed in other states, to practice dentistry in California provided they spend their first two years working at a CCHC.

Sponsored SB 131 (Chesbro) extending the time for filing for scope of service rate change requests from 90 days to 150 days and authorizes an optional fee-for-service reimbursement carve out for inpatient obstetrical and cardiology services.

2006

Supported and secured CCHC involvement in the Tobacco Tax Initiative.

2008

Sponsored SB 260 (Steinberg), would have allowed same day visits for behavioral health services, was vetoed by Gov. Schwarzenegger.

Due to CPCA's advocacy efforts, EHR implementation becomes a triggering event for increased reimbursement at FQHCs.

2009

Sponsored SB 442 (Ducheny) allowing clinic corporations, on behalf of an eligible primary care clinic, to submit an affiliate clinic application, as specified, to license a primary care clinic or a mobile health care unit as an affiliate clinic.

Secured funding from California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF) for the Accelerating Quality Improvement through Collaboration (AQIC) project.

CPCA creates the California Safety Net Coalition to have a unified voice on HIE issues.

CPCA purchases the top floor of an office building being developed at 1231 I Street and moves in later that year.

2010

President Obama signs the Affordable Care Act (ACA).

California's Low Income Health Program is created.

CPCA adopts a three-year strategic plan that includes 3 Bold Steps: Health Delivery System Transformation, Patient-Centered Health Home (PCHH), and Branding.

With CPCA support, CalHIPS0 is formed, receives \$34 million in HITECH funds.



ACA SIGNED INTO LAW

National Health Center Week

2013

CPCA advocacy efforts influence the State's design of its State Innovation Model (SIM) grant to include PCHH resources for providers.

CPCA takes over as fiscal agent for CalHIPS0 to ensure that California CCHCs continue in reaching Meaningful Use.

CPCA creates a CaliforniaHealth+ website to highlight members on the brand and develop a clinic locator tool to help Californians find the CaliforniaHealth+ center closest to them.



CPCA and The California Endowment form a partnership to raise awareness about health care reform coverage and care options at community clinics and health centers.

TCE utilizes the CaliforniaHealth+ locator tool to help Californians find a place to Get Covered and Get Care.

CPCA forges a new partnership with the Western Clinicians Network (WCN), providing administrative support to the organization as it transitions into a volunteer organization.

CPCA partners with Richard Heath & Associates and Covered California to develop a Certified Enrollment Counselor (CEC) training program specifically for CECs at CCHCs. CPCA trained 30 master trainers who trained more than 1,200 CECs statewide.

Advocated for SB 1x (Hernandez) provides Medi-Cal benefits for the newly eligible, including enrollment of newly eligible Legal Permanent Residents (LPRs) in the Health Benefit Exchange but preserving their right to go out of network for Medi-Cal benefits not provided by their QHP.

Sponsored SCR 63 (Hernandez) proclaims by a unanimous bipartisan vote of the legislature that the week of August 11-17 is National Health Center Week.

DHCS is authorized to establish a PCMH pilot program drawing down Section 2703 funds through the Affordable Care Act.