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2014 KEY UPCOMING DATES FOR CALIFORNIA RHEUMATOLOGISTS

January

- 1 - Physical Therapists - Direct access to services without referral (CA AB 1000)
- 1 - Pharmacists – Limited prescriptive authority and role in collaborative management of chronic diseases for appropriately certified pharmacists (CA SB 493)
- 1 - Sunshine Act - Physician portal launches
- 1 - MediCal - Eligibility expanded to 1.4 million residents earning 138% FPL
- 1 - ACA - Health Insurance Exchange Plans Kick In; Tax requiring U.S. citizens to have health coverage takes effect, with related premium support and cost-sharing for families with incomes up to 400% FPL
- 1 - State Insurance Commissioner and Director of DMHC provided authority to regulate out-of-pocket costs for plans offered in Exchange; Out-of-pocket cost limits applied to specialized health plans that offer essential health benefits (CA SB 639)
- 1 - Medicare - 24.7% SGR-mandated reimbursement reduction
- 6 - California State Legislature reconvenes
- 9 - MediCal - 10% reimbursement rate reduction
- 10 - Governor must submit budget bill
- 27 - IPAB - President submits Medicare cuts recommended by CMS in lieu of appointed board

February

- 10 - Troy and Alana Pack Patient Safety Act of 2014 ballot initiative – Deadline for proponents to submit requisite number of signatures to qualify to be on November ballot
- 14 - California State Legislature deadline to introduce bills
- 28 - Electronic Health Records - Meaningful Use 2013 Attestation

March

- 31 - Sunshine Act - Manufacturers / GPOs Report 2013 Data to CMS

April

10 – 20 - California State Legislature spring recess

May

17 & 18 - California Rheumatology Alliance 10th Annual Medical & Scientific Meeting in San Francisco, California - Visit www.calrheum.org for more information

June

1 - Sunshine Act - Physician access to reports

15 – California State Legislature deadline to pass budget bill

July

1 - Minimum Wage - hourly employees must receive at least \$9.00 per hour (CA AB 10)

August

15 - IPAB - CMS implements cuts submitted January 27, 2014

31 - California State Legislature deadline for each chamber to pass bills

September

30 - Sunshine Act - CMS Releases data to public

October

1 - ICD-9 to ICD-10 Transition

November

4 - Election Day - California Justices Marvin Baxter and Goodwin Liu (subject to retention elections), Troy and Alana Pack Patient Safety Act of 2014 ballot initiative (subject to signature requirement)

December

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