



## Letter from the Director

Happy Spring!

Welcome to CHBRP's Spring Quarterly Newsletter. We've continued to settle in to our new home at UC Berkeley since our move in December 2017. Housed under the Office of Research and located in Mulford Hall, we've received support and a warm welcome from our fellow Bears. Now that we've completed the bulk of our analyses for the Legislature, we're looking forward to connecting with more staff and researchers at CAL.



This quarter started with CHBRP's annual Legislative Briefing on February 7th in Sacramento. We provided an overview of CHBRP and our process to Legislative Staff and interested stakeholders. After this briefing, we quickly received requests from the Senate and Assembly Health Committees to complete analyses on a variety of bills. The full list of analyses is included below. CHBRP attended the Senate and Assembly Health Committee hearings on April 24th and 25th to answer any questions about the analyses, and continues to be available to the Legislature, bill authors, and stakeholders. We always find it valuable to hear from the bill author and witnesses to learn how our reports were used. CHBRP frequently provides follow up letters to our analyses as the bills are amended to provide interpretation of our findings in light of new bill language.



Below, we provide an overview of our activities this summer, as well as some updated resources.

Until next time,  
Garen



CHBRP will be welcoming a new Graduate Intern, **Christie Ahn**, on May 14. She is a current Master of Public Health candidate in Health Policy and Management at UC Berkeley. She is interested in health care reform, quality improvement, and eliminating health disparities. Prior to beginning the program in August 2017, she worked for over 3 years at Beacon Health System in northern Indiana. She holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Notre Dame and is scheduled to graduate with a Master of Public Health from UC Berkeley in May 2019. We look forward to Christie sharing her many talents with us!

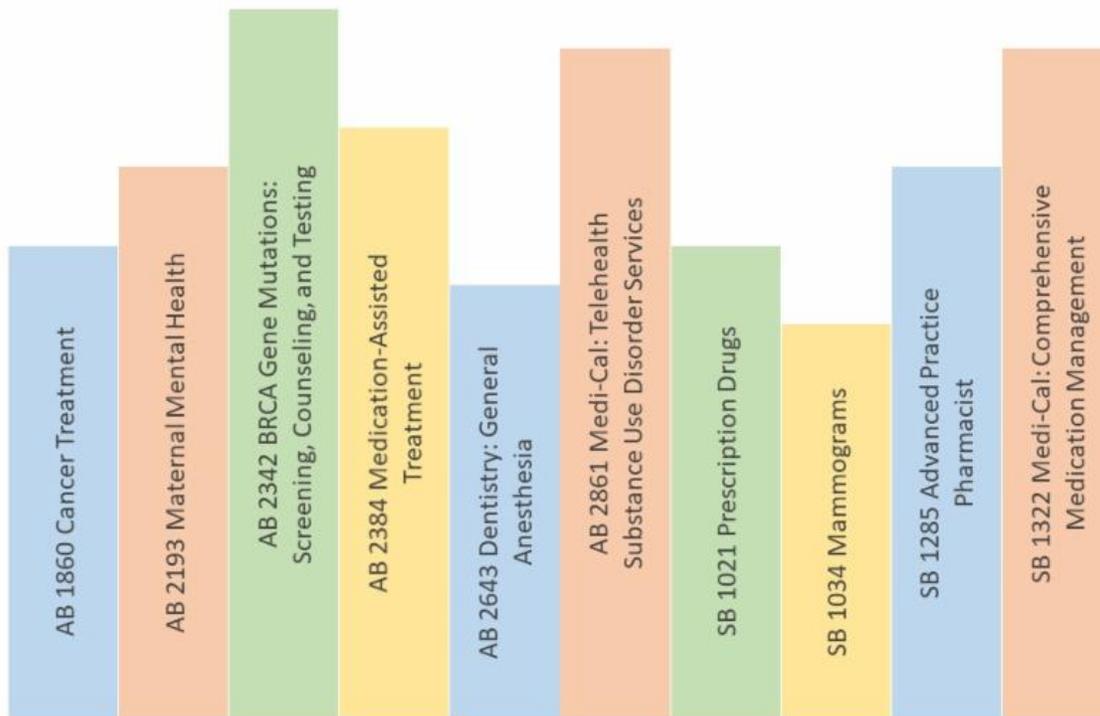
CHBRP Intern **Juan Miramontes'** last day with us was in March, as he prepares for graduation from UC Berkeley. This summer, Juan will be participating in an eight-week internship through Health Career Connection with The Permanente Medical Group in their Referral Operations Department. We wish Juan the very best of luck in his new position.

**Karla Wood**, CHBRP's Program Specialist has returned from maternity leave after having a little girl in December 2017. Welcome back!

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## CHBRP's 2018 Bill Analyses are Complete!

CHBRP completed 10 analyses of legislation introduced in 2018. The reports, bill language as analyzed, and Key Findings are available for each analysis at [http://chbrp.org/completed\\_analyses/index.php](http://chbrp.org/completed_analyses/index.php).



## Looking Ahead: Summer 2018

Every year, usually in the summer, CHBRP staff meets with each of its stakeholders, including legislative staff, health plans, and health plan associations to review the past analytical cycle and discuss any trends on the horizon. Here's a sampling of the stakeholders CHBRP will be meeting with this year:



**Association of California**  
Life & Health Insurance Companies

On June 4th, CHBRP's UC Faculty and Researchers will convene in Berkeley, CA to discuss this past year's bills and identify ways to improve its work. We'll keep our website updated with new work projects that come out of this meeting, so stay tuned!

CHBRP Staff Members, **John Lewis** and **Erin Shigekawa** will be attending [Academy Health's Annual Research Meeting](#) in Seattle, WA, June 24-26. Stay tuned for updates from John and Erin on social media.

Erin will be presenting on Exploring a Universal Lead Screening Requirement: A California Case Study and CHBRP Faculty Task Force Member, **Sara McMenamin** will have a poster on the same topic. Also, presenting, is CHBRP Task Force Member, **Riti Shimkhada**: The Potential Impact of a Policy Change That Would Allow Preventive Asthma Service Providers to Provide Asthma Education and Environmental Trigger Assessment in California.

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## CHBRP Updated Resources

[The Federal Preventive Services Health Insurance Benefit Mandate and California's Health Insurance Benefit Mandates](#) provides a list of preventive services non-grandfathered group and individual health insurance plans and policies must cover without cost-sharing.

As part of CHBRP's analyses, CHBRP annually updates its Cost and Coverage Model, with includes [Estimates of Sources of Health Insurance in California for 2019](#).

Slides from CHBRP's [2018 Annual Legislative Briefing](#)

CHBRP faculty and researchers **Sara McMenamin, Sarah Hiller, and Riti Shimkhada**, along with CHBRP staff **Erin Shigekawa** recently published an article, "[Universal Lead Screening Requirement: A California Case Study](#)" in the American Journal of Public Health.

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## Faculty Recognition

Congratulations to **Ninez Ponce**, CHBRP's Co-Vice Chair for Cost Impact, who was appointed as new director of the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research at the Fielding School of Public Health. **Jerry Kominski** will remain as Senior Fellow and Professor, and we are indebted to him for his extraordinary leadership and innumerable contributions (including to CHBRP). View [Press Release](#).

CHBRP's Vice Chair for Medical Effectiveness, **Janet Coffman**, authored a report on California's potential future shortage of qualified and diverse behavioral health professionals: [California's Current and Future Behavioral Health Workforce](#).

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