



## Graduate Summer Associate Position

The California Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (CAPH) is seeking an outstanding graduate student for a summer associate position. CAPH is a non-profit trade association located in Oakland that advocates on behalf of the 21 public hospital and health systems in the state. CAPH provides legislative advocacy and leadership, strategy development, and policy analysis related to the maintenance of the health care safety net and increasing access to health care for all Californians.

California's public hospital and health systems are focused on the strategic advancement of their systems in a new competitive landscape post health reform. One of the major vehicles for this work is implementation of California's Medicaid waiver. On December 30, 2015, the federal Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services approved Medi-Cal 2020, a five-year renewal of California's Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver, which could provide California with more than \$6.2 billion in new federal funding through programs that will shift the focus away from hospital-based and inpatient care, towards outpatient, primary, and preventative care. With 1 in 3 California residents now enrolled in the Medi-Cal program, and another 3 million who remain uninsured, California has an opportunity through the waiver to maintain its successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act and improve health care delivery for low-income patients. At the same time, the recent elections may result in major changes to the Affordable Care Act. CAPH is taking an active role in analyzing the impacts of and responding proactively to such changes, including understanding how the waiver would fit into any modifications to the Medicaid program.

The Summer Associate will focus on one or more projects that combine the skills of the student and the needs of the organization, including using data from publicly available and internal datasets, interviews with member systems and other key stakeholders, and other research to create policy analyses for California's public health care systems. Robust data and analytic skills are a plus. Specific topics for study could include:

- Early synthesis of data across waiver programs to help determine common themes of success, shaping how some of this data may be used for the purposes of waiver evaluations and CAPH communications
- Analyses related to changes proposed to the ACA by federal lawmakers and the impacts to California's Medicaid program and safety net providers, including creative thinking about how to continue to pursue delivery system reform and innovation in a new policy and funding environment.
- Ongoing data analysis and strategic positioning of programs related to the remaining uninsured.

- Analysis of risks related to the new administration's policies as it pertains to special populations such as immigrants and jail-involved individuals.
- Ongoing research and policy analysis of state proposals that impact public health care systems, including but not limited to behavioral health or homeless housing efforts.

Research and analysis would culminate in a policy memo and presentation to CAPH staff and the CEO, or to CAPH members through other member meetings. There is also potential for publication of a policy brief on CAPH's website.

Interested applicants should be pursuing an advanced degree in public policy, public health, public administration or a closely related field. The individual we are seeking possesses the following skills and qualities:

- Ability to work with complexity and ambiguity
- Deep intellectual interest in health policy and systems improvement
- A general understanding of health policy and interest in issues related to the health care safety net and health care for vulnerable populations
- Persistence
- Ability to work independently
- Ability to translate theory to practice
- Professional poise and good verbal communication skills; comfort and professionalism in dealing with senior officials
- Strong quantitative analysis skills
- Expertise in the use of Excel
- Ability to analyze legislation and policy proposals
- Excellent writing skills
- Excellent interpersonal skills, sense of humor, and ability to interact effectively in a small, hardworking team environment.

Salary: \$20/hour

Deadline and required materials: Interested applicants should send a resume, cover letter, and two references no later than 3/31/17 to: Jackie Bender, Director of Policy, [jbender@caph.org](mailto:jbender@caph.org).