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Letter from the Director

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the CHBRP Team, I hope that you had a wonderful and festive holiday season. This past fall has been productive for CHBRP as we've prepared for the legislative cycle and the imminent legislative requests. In September, October, and November we held meetings with our Faculty Task Force and National Advisory Council (NAC) to discuss methodology, the potential impact of current events on our work, and other projects CHBRP staff and faculty have been hard at work on. We bid adieu to three NAC members and two Task Force Members as they move on to other projects. We thank them immensely for their important contributions to CHBRP.



The biggest change at CHBRP has been our move to the UC Berkeley campus in December. After many years being housed at the UC Office of the President (UCOP), our program has moved to the main UC Berkeley campus. UC Berkeley has warmly welcomed the CHBRP program, providing an opportunity for CHBRP to be housed among colleagues doing similar work in health policy and health insurance. Leadership at UC Berkeley fully supports our mission, including our independence and the multi-campus composition of our contributors. At UC Berkeley, we are presently housed under the umbrella of the Office of Research.

We remain fully committed to rigorous analysis and maintaining our neutrality and independence. Within the program, our funding, structure and operations remain the same. CHBRP is grateful to UC's Office of the President, which has graciously supported the program's launch, growth, and 15 years of successful operations. We especially appreciate the support of Dr. John Stobo, Executive Vice President of UC Health.

Until next time,
Garen

Updated Contact Information for CHBRP

[CHBRP staff](#) can continue to be reached at our email addresses ending in chbrp.org.

Our old email addresses at ucop.edu will be forwarded to our new location for several months, at least. Our updated phone numbers can be found on our [Staff page](#).

Welcome to CHBRP's Intern

We're pleased to welcome Juan Miramontes as our undergraduate intern. He is a senior at UC Berkeley majoring in Public Health and has already jumped in assisting the program. His bio and contact information are found on our Staff page.

Sacramento Legislative Briefing- Save the Date

CHBBRP is hosting the annual Sacramento Legislative Briefing in Sacramento in early February in the Capitol. This annual briefing provides an overview of CHBRP, the process for which our analyses gets requested, and what our reports look like. The briefing is open to the public and we will be sending out additional information and an RSVP link shortly.

Recent CHBRP Releases

CHBRP staff released two timely policy briefs this fall. " Selling Health Insurance Across State Lines" draws from previous CHBRP analysis of California legislation and discusses potential impacts of federal action. "The Federal Contraceptive Mandate and California State Laws" discusses recently released federal rules and provides an overview of federal contraceptive mandates and the interaction with California State mandates. Both of these policy briefs are found here: [CHBRP's Other Publications](#).

CHBRP Resources

With the beginning of the legislative season just around the corner, here is an overview of where to find important CHBRP resources. CHBRP responds to requests from committee staff to provide analysis of proposed health insurance benefit-related legislation.

An overview of CHBRP and the process is found in "[Academic Rigor on a Legislature's Timeline](#)"

Information on CHBRP's [Methodology](#)

[Recent Requests](#)

[How to submit information](#)- CHBRP accepts information from 3rd parties within 14 days after a request is made by the Legislature

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