



Job Description

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The California Medical Association (CMA) offers opportunities to undergraduate, graduate, law, and medical students seeking to increase their involvement and education in state health policy and in the legislative activities of organized medicine. CMA welcomes the enthusiasm and unique perspective that students bring to discussions about issues that require medicine's point of view.

CMA interns pursue issues in depth, and in many cases, become experts on a specific topic. Interns participate in meetings with senior CMA staff and other health organizations, as well as regulatory and legislative hearings. These opportunities are designed to enhance internship experience, promote camaraderie among students working in health policy, and facilitate continuing education on important policy issues. Upon completion of the program, interns have an opportunity to make a presentation on their project and engage in discussions with staff from CMA and other interested parties.

Intern activities include:

- Researching top priority issues on managed care, quality, hospital, health IT, and public health;
- Interviewing local and national groups to help gather information on the particular subject;
- Working with policy, lobbyist, and legal staff to help identify top priority issues on managed care, quality, hospital, health IT, and public health; and
- Presenting top priority issues on managed care, quality, hospital, health IT, and public health to CMA staff.

The internship program seeks to help interns develop the following skills:

- Expertise and/or experience in Public Health and Health Policy.
- Strong quantitative/qualitative skills
- Ability to synthesize information from multiple sources (academic journals, newspapers, online publications, etc.)
- Attentiveness to details and results
- Ability to interact with physicians
- Ability to carry out projects independently
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Internships are part-time and unpaid. CMA accepts interns on a rolling basis.

To apply, please send a cover letter and resumé to Samantha Pellon, Associate Director, Center for Health Policy at spellon@cmanet.org or call (916) 551-2887.