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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

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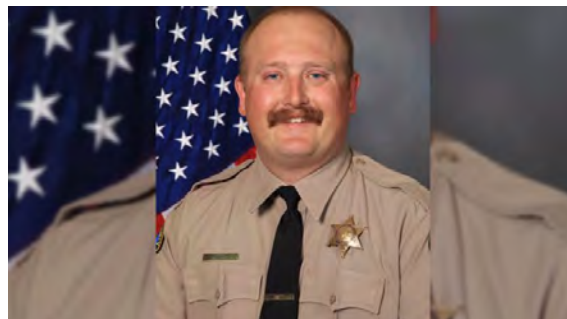
Alan Barcelona
CSLEA President



Hello CSLEA Members,

Late last week, we were shaken by the tragic killing of Tulare County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) Deputy Randy Hoppert who, bravely and without hesitation, responded to assist his fellow deputies who suddenly came under gunfire during the service of an eviction notice in Porterville. We were then notified that this senseless loss of a dedicated law enforcement officer who served his community for more than six years, and served our country in the United States Navy for five years, was the husband of one of our valued CSLEA members who is a supervising investigator at the Department of Consumer Affairs - Division of Investigation.

We are deeply saddened by the death of Deputy Hoppert and offer our heartfelt sympathy to his wife and family, and all those impacted during this time of immense grief.



For those asking how they can assist, I can advise that PORAC has set up an End of Watch Fund a Hero effort to help provide financial stability and care for Deputy Hoppert's family during this unimaginable time. You can find more information [here.](#)

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers, the Hoppert family, those who worked beside Deputy Hoppert at TCSO, and those who work beside his wife at DCA. We are truly sorry for the loss of this brave law enforcement officer who sacrificed his life for the safety of others.

I, also, want to acknowledge our first responder-members who respond daily to emergencies that are called into 911. This is National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, which honors public safety dispatchers and communication operators. We have CSLEA members serving as dispatchers and operators at CHP, CALFIRE, State Parks, and State Hospitals. These dedicated public safety professionals work long, stressful hours to protect citizens and officers. They are masters at multi-tasking while under extreme pressure. Their jobs are demanding and can take a toll on physical and mental well-being. This week they are in the spotlight and we hope they enjoy the well-deserved recognition. Thank you for your service and sacrifice.





On March 23rd, I, along with CSLEA Unit-B and Unit-C affiliate presidents, met with seven legislators to press the need for immediate attention to staffing, salaries, safety, and affordability issues impacting our members. Also in attendance was CSLEA Legislative Advocate Shane LaVigne and CSLEA CFO Ricardo Sanchez. This was our third legislative advocacy day this year. You can read more about our interactions [here](#).

We continue to receive inquiries regarding CSLEA Scholarships. Once we confirm funding to our non-profit foundation, we will announce the program and make applications available. This will likely happen in May and we will email members the information, as well as place it on our website.

Thank you for your membership to CSLEA and please don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions, comments, or concerns. Stay safe in your work and travels.

Legislative Update by Shane LaVigne

LaVigne Strategies

We are now roughly halfway through the policy committee process in the first house, with hearings moving quickly and major issues beginning to take shape. In the coming weeks, the Legislature will transition into Appropriations, followed by floor session as the house of origin deadline approaches. California Statewide Law Enforcement Association has remained actively engaged across a number of measures, continuing to advocate on behalf of its members and ensuring that the operational realities facing law enforcement are clearly understood by policymakers.



CSLEA has taken the lead in opposing SB 1004 by Scott Wiener, a bill that would prohibit face coverings under certain circumstances. We have articulated strong concerns on behalf of law enforcement labor, highlighting the ongoing staffing crisis across California, persistent vacancy rates within state and local agencies, and the broader impact these policies have on recruitment and morale. Of particular concern, the bill lacks a clear good faith exception, creating potential civil liability for officers who may need to wear face coverings in the course of their duties, including situations involving hazardous conditions or officer safety.

CSLEA WORKING FOR YOU



CSLEA Holds Third 2026 Legislative Advocacy Day March 23, 2026

Unit-B and -C leadership meet with legislators to highlight public and worker safety concerns surrounding high vacancy rates in Bargaining Unit7 positions

“Following last month’s CSLEA legislative advocacy days, we planned a full day of legislative visits on March 23rd. The goal is to educate our state legislators about the vital work our CSLEA members do to keep California and those who live here safe. We need to press upon them the the vacancy rates, low compensation, and the difficulty in getting the job done. The jobs of investigating fraud, keeping unsafe drivers off the road, processing forensic evidence to assist with investigations, arrests and prosecutions...this is all work being done by our CSLEA members with not enough boots on the ground.” - CSLEA President Alan Barcelona

SACRAMENTO – On March 23, 2026, California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) President Alan Barcelona, joined by six Unit-B and -C affiliate presidents met with

seven California legislators to address State staffing deficiencies and pay disparities that are impacting California public safety and CSLEA members working in sworn and non-sworn positions.

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CSLEA and ASA-DOJ Speak to Special Agents at DOJ Advanced Training Center in Sacramento

SACRAMENTO – On April 8, 2026, representatives from the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and the Association of Special Agents-Department of Justice (ASA-DOJ) conducted a new employee orientation at DOJ's Advanced Training Center in Sacramento. The orientation gives union representatives the opportunity to introduce themselves and discuss the benefits and services associated with union membership.

“New employee orientations give ASA-DOJ and CSLEA an opportunity to meet California DOJ’s newest special agents and to discuss what we do for our ASA-DOJ and CSLEA members,” said ASA-DOJ President Ben Greenhagen. “I was joined by ASA-DOJ Board Director Andrew Stewart and CSLEA Senior Counsel Ryan Navarre. I talked about the importance of union membership, the benefits and services. Counsel Navarre discussed the legal and labor side of things. ASA-DOJ also provided lunch for the special agents.”

CSLEA and ASA-DOJ welcome to membership those special agents who recognized the protection and value of union participation and signed up for membership during the orientation, and thank all who attended to learn more about CSLEA and ASA-DOJ.

CSLEA Visits New Hospital Police Officers at Academy in SLO

Union welcomes 23 new members

SAN LUIS OBISPO – On March 19, 2026, the California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) and its affiliate Hospital Police Association of California (HPAC) welcomed new state hospital police officers who are training at the Department of State Hospitals (DSH) Office of Protective Services (OPS) Academy in San Luis Obispo. Upon completion of their training, the officers will be assigned to one of five State Hospitals in California.



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CHP Public Safety Dispatchers Training in West Sacramento Value Union Membership

WEST SACRAMENTO – On March 30, 2026, dispatchers training at the CHP Academy in West Sacramento discussed the value of union membership with representatives from the California Statewide Law Enforcements Association (CSLEA) and the CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA). Appreciating the importance of joining a union that fights for them, all six dispatchers signed up for membership.



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CHP-PSDA Visits New Members at Ben Clark Training Center in Riverside

RIVERSIDE – On March 17, 2026, CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association Southern Division Representative David Arriola conducted a new employee orientation for CHP dispatchers training at the Ben Clark Training Center in Riverside. This was an opportunity for Arriola to extend an invitation to the dispatchers for union membership and answer any questions.



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CSLEA LDF Case Summary Involving Criminal Representation

Law Office of Stone Busailah, LLP

During February 2025, the Law Office of Stone Busailah, LLP, was assigned to handle the criminal representation of a CSLEA Legal Defense Plan (LDF) participant a former Department of Motor Vehicles Licensing Registration Examiner. Michael D. Williamson was the trial attorney assigned to the case. In summary, the participant was accused of fraud, related to the alleged improper use of paid time off based on an allegation that the participant made false claims and submitted forged documents.



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Governor's Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor

Nominations for incidents in 2025 due May 1, 2026

The nomination period for the 2026 Governor's Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor award (incidents from 2025) is open through May 1. The Medal of Valor nomination form can be found

here: [https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/mov-nomination-form .pdf](https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/mov-nomination-form.pdf)



Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor is awarded to public safety officers for their extraordinary valor above and beyond the call of duty. The sponsoring department is the California Department of Justice.

AFFILIATE NEWS

CABCA

CABCA 2026 Scholarship Recipients Announced

California Alcoholic Beverage Control Agents (CABCA) is proud to announce scholarship awards to four students, three of them a CABCA member's child, and fourth a CABCA member.



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CHP-PSDA

CHP-PSDA Directors Meet with Commissioner Duryee at First Quarter BOD Meeting

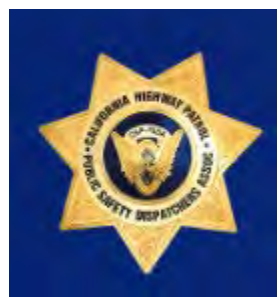


SACRAMENTO – On March 23, 2026, CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association (CHP-PSDA) directors held their 2026 first quarter Board of Directors meeting which included a meeting with CHP Commissioner Sean Duryee.

“We very much appreciate Commissioner Duryee’s time and thank him for travelling to California Statewide Law Enforcement Association (CSLEA) headquarters to discuss issues that are impacting our public safety dispatchers and operators,” said CHP-PSDA President Tina Brazil. “This was a great opportunity for CHP-PSDA directors to communicate concerns and to learn more about the commissioner’s visions for the future. I also want to thank our CHP-PSDA directors for their work on behalf of our members. We continue to address the many issues impacting our members including pay and vacancy rates.”

CHP-PSDA 2026 Scholarship Application is Now Available

The CHP-Public Safety Dispatchers Association is now accepting applications for scholarships that will be awarded to qualified members, or their immediate family



members, seeking advancement or support in higher education.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



CSLEA & ACWO Members Receive CDFW Awards

Wildlife officer of the year 2024 and 2025 as well as trainer of the year

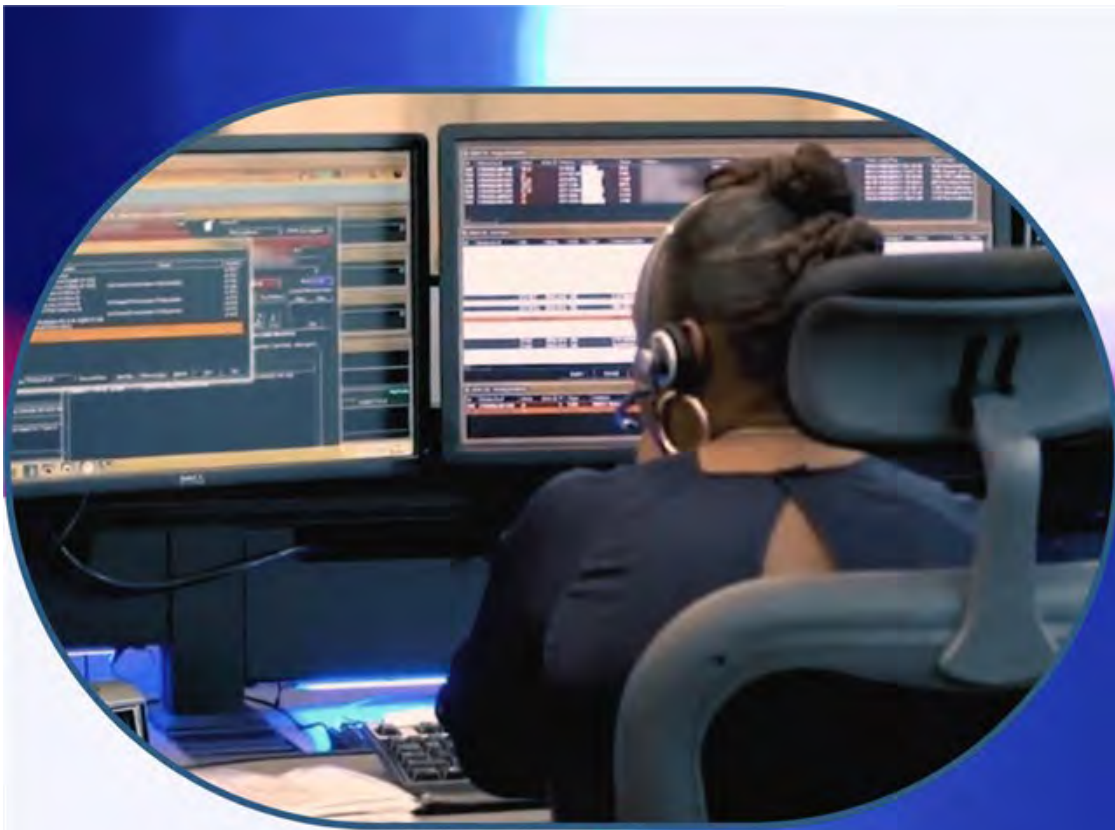
“Congratulations to our CSLEA ACWO members on their recognition for an exceptional job well done, leading by example, protecting Californians, our environment and our fish and wildlife. We are very proud of you, and thank you for your service.” – CSLEA President Alan Barcelona

CDFW holds a major annual gathering called Advanced Officer Training (AOT) where wildlife officers from across California come together for professional development, tactical training and collaboration. Roughly half of the state’s wildlife officers attend, making it one of the most significant training events for the department each year. The event also serves as the setting for several important recognitions, including conservation and law-enforcement awards presented to officers for outstanding service.

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Congratulations to 36 State Park Peace Officers Ranger and Lifeguard cadets who graduated from the academy on Friday, April 10! We are proud of you!



National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week

April 12 - 18, 2026

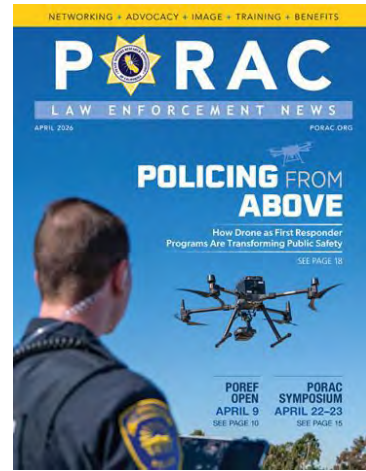
When emergencies happen, from minor to catastrophic, public safety dispatchers and communication operators are at the ready to respond, and to save lives! Thank you for your first responder service!

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NEWS FEED



California DOJ Releases 2025 APPS Annual Report

"It takes a team of DOJ special agents and support staff to make APPS effective in removing firearms from those prohibite..."

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Man Indicted in Connection with the 2019 Disappearance and Murd...

"Law enforcement agencies working together, and with determination even years after a crime has been committed,..."

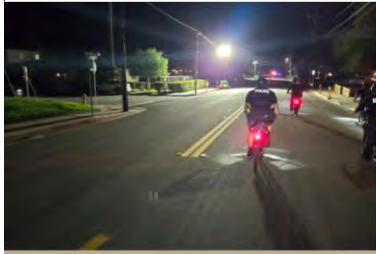
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Charges Filed Against 17 People in Operation Meltdown Drug Traffickin...

"Hopefully the arrests of those allegedly involved in this operation put a dent in drug trafficking in our communities. ..."

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SLO PD and Allied Agencies Keep Public Safe During "St. Fratty's Day"...

State Parks, CDFW, ABC, ASH assist "This team of law enforcement officers works to ensure that young people can have..."

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Tow Company Owners in Southern California Arrested in nearly \$6...

"Insurance fraud is not a victimless crime. Defrauding workers' compensation put funds for assistance ..."

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ABC Agents and Clovis Police Arrest Conduct Operations to Combat...

Nine Suspects arrested for furnishing alcohol to minors, three clerks cited for selling alcohol to minors "There was a L..."

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Twenty Arrested in Investigation Targeting Drug Trafficking

"Kudos to those involved in the approximate six months it took to investigate this case, identify the..."

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David Sump Sentenced to Maximum Term in Smith Canal Oil Spill Case

San Joaquin County DA extends gratitude to CDFW Officer Ryan Rodriguez for his dedicated investigation "We are proud o..."

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Missing 19-Year-Old Man Located Deceased in Truckee River

"The response to rescue, and then recover, a young man who suddenly disappears in a body of water can be ver..."

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Tip to CDFW Leads to Arrests Involving Poaching

"CDFW officers work to investigate crimes that impact California's natural resources, including the illegal take of..."

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El Cajon Man Sentenced for Attempted Coercion of a Child, Attempted Sex...

"Kudos to the San Diego Human Trafficking Task Force and it's partnering agencies for the response to..."

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Convicted Human Trafficker Sentenced to Prison

"Victims can endure a lifetime of pain and suffering caused by human trafficking. We applaud California's..."

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Three Defendants Get 13 Years Each for Stealing Lottery Tickets in 33...

In several cases, employees were threatened or physically assaulted
"California State Lottery employs..."

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Two Unidentified Human Remains Cases Solved in Humboldt County

"It's hard not to be in awe of the DNA work that is done at the California Department of Justice, and now..."

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Two Defendants Charged with Distributing Fentanyl that Resulted in Overdose...

"Investigations into those who distribute fentanyl can only help to stop the illegal sale and use of this often-deadly drug. ..."

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1980 Cold Case Homicide Victim Identified in Riverside County

On March 20, 2026, the California Department of Justice Crime Laboratory officially confirmed the identity of the...

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Orange County Man Pleads Guilty to Orchestrating Medi-Cal Fraud Scheme

Nearly \$270 million in bogus claims submitted to Medi-Cal, the California Department of Justice is assisting in...

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ABC and Monterey County Sheriff's Office Cite Four for Selling Alcohol to...

"California ABC agents work with local law enforcement to educate and enforce, two components that can assist with...

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\$267 MILLION

fraudulently billed to California using stolen identities

21 suspects

14 fraudulent hospice companies

Major Los Angeles Hospice Fraud Ring Dismantled

Responsible for \$267 Million in Fraud, 21 Charged "The charges, arrests, and the seizure of firearms and cash, are a resul...

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CDFW Officer Cites Two for Fishing Without a License and Exceeding...

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY –On April 13, 2026, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) announced that...

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Ventura Man Charged with Felony Workers' Compensation Insurance...

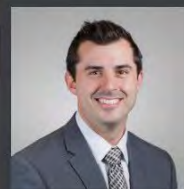
The case was investigated by the California Department of Insurance (CDI) "It's a shame that some people think...

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Our Legal Team

We employ a staff of five attorneys. Our mission is to defend Unit 7 members in disciplinary proceedings and to enforce the collective bargaining agreement between CSLEA and the State of California.

Meet the Team



The CSLEA Legal Division

Each member of the CSLEA Legal staff has been designated as a principle point of contact for job classifications and representation issues. Email contactus@cslea.com to learn who your individual point of contact is. If your contact is unavailable, any of our available attorneys can assist you

[To learn more about CSLEA's Legal Division](#)

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Conflict Of Interest Featuring CSLEA Chief Counsel Kasey Christopher Clark

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**Earning \$100 is easy
when you sponsor new
members**

The CSLEA Sponsorship Program

The CSLEA Sponsorship Program could very well put a smile on your face and money in your pocket! For our members who understand the importance of union membership, in protecting pensions, bargaining power and career insurance - keep talking, keep sponsoring, because the benefit of signing up members is \$100. If you've never sponsored a new member but want to know how, keep reading! **Earn \$100 for each new member you sponsor.**

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ADDITIONAL CSLEA INFO



Let the Savings Bloom

Longer days bring new plans—and plenty of ways to save along the way. Make the most of what's ahead this spring, from home upgrades to plans on the calendar and everything in between.

Take advantage of CSLEA's Exclusive Member Discounts Program

Haven't enrolled in the program yet? Check it out, [here](#).



CSLEA Foundation

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CSLEA Exclusive Member

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The app can help you access everything CSLEA including:

- the CSLEA LDF hotline
- contacting CSLEA
- membership benefits and information
- the Unit 7 contract
- keeping up-to-date with CSLEA news
- knowing your CSLEA board of directors
- CSLEA attorneys who represent you



- accessing CSLEA.com and social media
- updating your member contact info



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CSLEA MEMBERS

Additional Member Benefits

Allstate Benefits

Workers compensation has reduction of benefits after 22 day elimination period.

No California SDI, only NDI (starting @\$135 per week).

Leave time is valuable, don't use it all before you get benefits.

24 Hour paycheck protection for Accident and Sickness and Cancer Insurance

Benefits paid from day one for accident, day seven for illness. Plans are through payroll deduction and are portable; they go with you if you change jobs or retire and you retain the same group rate.

Accident and Sickness Coverage Highlights:

On and Off Job Accident Disability Income coverage No Medical Exams Required

Covers Dislocations/Fractures, Ambulance & Expenses Up to \$60,000 accidental death insurance

Maternity Disability Income available (ask agent) Benefits paid after tax, when you need income

Cancer and Specified Disease Protection Coverage Highlights:

Progressive benefit at initial internal cancer diagnosis No Medical Exams required

Annual benefits for treatment (i.e. radiation & Chemo) Bone Marrow Transplant

Wellness Benefit pays for annual checkups Hospital and Intensive Care
Benefits

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