

## Message for L.A. Care Health Plan Providers and Staff

The recent fires have destroyed lives and livelihoods and has disrupted pivotal services such as public health, medical care, and infrastructure. Nearly 50,000 acres and 15,000 homes, businesses and structures have been lost in both the Palisades and Eaton fires. Our partners with the Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA) have determined that hundreds of physicians, advanced practice clinicians, and their staff have been displaced. This is why LACMA developed a tool kit available online (ladocs.org) for members and non-members alike with resources, contacts and timely information addressing home and/or medical practice rebuilding, practice sustainability, patient communications and much more.

On Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> LACMA will be hosting the Fire Recovery and Resource Fair at the Collins Katz YMCA (Santa Monica) located at 1466 S Westgate Avenue from 10 AM to 2 PM.

There will be federal, state, and local resources including FEMA, SBA, California Department of Insurance to help those impacted with critical resources to help them recover and rebuild. Additionally, experts in home and commercial construction will be on hand such as the American Institute of Architects, Los Angeles Builders Association, Building Industry of Southern California, Home Showcase Consultants plus mental health, financial, banking, legal and risk management support. LACMA has also invited insurance watchdog groups to ensure customers know rights and options.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health will also participate to share the latest news on air and water quality with ongoing risks of windblown dust and ash. And as always, we will continue to coordinate efforts with the LA County and City of Los Angeles response.

The event is free as is childcare, parking, food, and beverages.

Call to Action (Optional)

If you or one of your staff members has been impacted by the fires, please RSVP at www.ladocs.org.

If you have any questions relative to resources, the event or additional needs not provided at the February 23<sup>rd</sup> event, please contact <u>gustavo@lacmanet.org</u>.