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## MEDIA ADVISORY: Gold Coast Health Plan to Hold Opioid Policy Summit on May 5

- WHAT:** Gold Coast Health Plan's Opioid Policy Summit
- WHEN:** Friday, May 5, 2017 | 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- WHERE:** Ventura Beach Marriott  
2055 E. Harbor Blvd.  
Ventura, CA 93001
- WHY:** Gold Coast Health Plan (GCHP), in collaboration with the Ventura County Behavioral Health (VCBH) department, will be holding an Opioid Policy Summit. The abuse of prescription opioid medications has been of serious concern at the national, state, and local levels. Policy makers are attempting to combat the opioid epidemic in their communities by proposing and passing legislation to address the issue. With the Opioid Policy Summit, the goal of GCHP and VCBH is to engage community stakeholders in a discussion about strategies that can be used to address the opioid epidemic in Ventura County.
- Speakers: Dr. Corey Waller (keynote); Dr. Kelly Pfeifer; Jacqui Irwin, State Assemblymember (moderator). [Click here](#) to access bios.
- MORE INFO:** Gold Coast Health Plan is an independent public entity created by a Ventura County ordinance and authorized through Federal legislation. GCHP is not a county agency. The county Board of Supervisors approved implementation of a County Organized Health System (COHS) model, transitioning from fee-for-service Medi-Cal to managed care on June 2, 2009. The purpose of GCHP is to serve Medi-Cal beneficiaries, enhance the quality of health care, provide greater access, improve service and provide choice. The plan provides health benefits to more than 202,000 beneficiaries throughout the county. To learn more about GCHP, visit: [www.goldcoasthealthplan.org](http://www.goldcoasthealthplan.org).

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