

Department of Health Care Services
Position Statement
Graduate/Undergraduate Student Intern (unpaid)

Summary of Internship: Internships at the California Department of Health Care Services are unpaid positions providing students with practical experience. DHCS offers internships to students as volunteers or for academic credit. We encourage interns during the school year and also in the summer. Earn your work experience by participating in an internship.

Interning in your field of choice will stand out on your resume and help you with your job search after graduation. Participating interns gain on-the-job training that integrates education, career development and public service, while agencies hosting interns benefit from the contributions of creative and innovative students.

Everyone you meet during the course of your internship is now a contact. These people can help guide your career path as you make your way into the business world and more importantly as you serve the public. These people know other people in the industry and can provide you with mentorship and executive coaching. The fellow interns you meet may also become great contacts in the future.

Health policy development tasks related to the Medi-Cal program the incumbent in the myriad tasks associated with development of health policy (research, analysis, written and oral presentations) and may include the following topics:

- National and state health care reform efforts.
- Payment policies for adverse events in publicly financed health care programs.
- Health care disparities, analyzing data on Medi-Cal beneficiaries and conducting research on efforts undertaken by other states' Medicaid programs.
- Home and community-based services research project to examine the effectiveness of such services in supporting and maintaining individuals in non-institutional settings.
- A "right care" initiative to better manage and coordinate services and care to seniors and persons with disabilities who have costly multiple chronic medical conditions.
- Establishing a governance process and refining research proposals for consideration by the California Medi-Cal Research Institute (CAMRI).
- "Hot" late breaking/emerging topics in response to legislative or gubernatorial requests.