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May 2026 Newsletter



May 19th Speaker Series Luncheon
Sally Pipes, Executive Director of
Pacific Research Institute



Baylands Golf Links and Café
1875 Embarcadero Rd, Palo Alto,
Check in: 11:30 a.m. Program: 12:00 p.m.



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About Sally Pipes

Sally C. Pipes is President, CEO, and Thomas W. Smith Fellow in Health Care Policy at the Pacific Research Institute, a California-based, free market think tank.

She is a regular columnist for Forbes.com, Newsmax, and the Washington Examiner.

Through her writings, interviews, speeches, debates, and meetings with policymakers, she educates Americans about the dangers of government-run health care and shares ideas for solutions to provide better quality and access to health care while lowering costs.

Her latest book, *The World's Medicine Chest: How America Gained Pharmaceutical Supremacy – and How to Keep It*, was recently published by Encounter Books. Her previous book, *False Premise, False Promise: The Disastrous Reality of Medicare for All* (Encounter), reached #1 on the Amazon.com Health Law bestseller list.

In 2018, she received an honorary PhD from Pepperdine University's School of Public Policy for her work on health care reform.

A former Canadian, Ms. Pipes became an American citizen in 2006. She is married to Professor Charles R. Kesler.



President's Letter



Medi-Cal Fraud Is Being Exposed — And It's Bigger Than People Think

California's Medi-Cal is a \$150+ billion system serving millions—but it's increasingly being exposed as vulnerable to fraud, waste, and abuse.

Recent investigations by the California Department of Health Care Services and the U.S. Department of Justice have uncovered billing for services never provided, inflated claims, and organized fraud rings operating through clinics and provider networks.

The problem is scale and lack of oversight. With billions moving through multiple layers—managed care plans, subcontractors, and providers—no single entity has full visibility. Weak auditing systems and delayed enforcement allow fraud to continue for years before being caught.

This isn't just criminal fraud. It's also improper payments and systemic waste. Even a small error rate in a program this large can cost taxpayers billions annually. The real issue is accountability.

Oversight is fragmented. Data systems don't communicate well. And enforcement is often reactive instead of proactive.

While the State Treasurer doesn't run Medi-Cal, the office plays a critical role in financial oversight. Stronger transparency, real-time monitoring, and cross-agency coordination could help flag suspicious spending much earlier.

The bottom line is simple: If California is serious about protecting taxpayer dollars, fraud prevention must be a priority—not an afterthought. Because when billions are at risk, so is public trust.



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