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## CRA Membership E-blast

Hello {First Name},

The California Rheumatology Alliance remains dedicated to providing updated news and resources to our membership. We appreciate and encourage any feedback to assist in our service to our members. What do YOU want us to talk about? We'd love for these newsletters to be used as an opportunity for us all to learn from each other, so if there's anything specific you're interested in learning more about from other people involved with the California Rheumatology Alliance, let us know by emailing [info@calrheum.org](mailto:info@calrheum.org).

Visit our Website

*happy holidays*

wishing you and your family a joyous holiday season



**SAVE THE DATE: 2023 ANNUAL MEETING**

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**CRA 19TH ANNUAL MEETING**

*April 28 - 30, 2023*  
*Marina del Rey Marriott*

More information to come!

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### What is new in CRA advocacy:

The Legislature will reconvene on December 5<sup>th</sup> to swear in new Members to the California Legislature. Although the 2023/2024 will officially start on the 5<sup>th</sup> the activity in Sacramento remains relatively quiet until January.

CRA is preparing for our 2023 advocacy agenda which looks to be another busy one. CRA is co-sponsoring legislation with the Hemophilia Council of California and Cystic Fibrosis Research Institute to address the growing problems with accumulator programs being put in place by health plans. These accumulator programs restrict a patient from using amounts provided to them through co-pay assistance programs to count towards the patient's out of pocket health insurance requirements. We are currently speaking with a few Legislators about authoring the bill idea so at this point there is no bill number.

We are asking CRA members to share patient stories related to problems with accumulator programs. If you have any patient stories or are interested in learning more about CRA advocacy efforts, please email Tim Madden at [madden@mqadvocacy.com](mailto:madden@mqadvocacy.com) or Shanna Castro at [susui@calrheum.org](mailto:susui@calrheum.org)

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