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California Healthline

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Anthem makes changes to controversial ED program



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After facing pushback from healthcare providers and lawmakers, Anthem has tweaked its controversial emergency room program that doesn't pay for patient ER visits if conditions are later determined not to have been emergencies. Indianapolis-based Anthem said it has made several exceptions to the ER program so it will always pay for some types of ER visits. [READ MORE](#)

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California lawmaker introduces bill targeting hospitals' 'patient dumping' practices



The Sacramento Bee

Hospitals would be required to get written confirmation from homeless shelters before discharging patients to those facilities under a bill recently introduced in the California State Senate. The bill, carried by Sen. Ed Hernandez, D-Azusa, is designed to curb the practice known as hospital patient "dumping," or discharging poor people to the streets, shelters or other agencies incapable of caring for them. [READ MORE](#)

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