

Child Welfare:

CalMatters. March 30, 2026. Richard Wexler. Commentary. California Should Not Bail out Beleaguered Foster Family Agencies. The article discusses California's private foster care agencies are running back to Sacramento demanding a taxpayer bailout to cover rising insurance costs; the commentary discusses reasons this should not be supported.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2026/03/foster-family-agencies-california-bailout/>

CalMatters. April 13, 2026. Commentary. State Should Probe L.A. County's \$4 Billion Sex Abuse Settlement. The commentary discussed Los Angeles Times concerns about potentially false claims tied to Los Angeles County's \$4 Billion Sexual Abuse Settlement.

Link to Commentary:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2026/04/juvenile-sex-abuse-settlement-california/>

CalMatters. April 13, 2026. Chantel Johnson, Youth Law Center. California Shouldn't Water Down Justice for these Child Sexual Abuse Survivors. The commentary discussed the \$4 billion sexual abuse settlement. The commentary provided the perspective from a Child Advocate.

Link to Commentary:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2026/04/child-sex-abuse-california-justice/>

Health

CalMatters: April 2, 2026. Kristen Hwang. California Kids are Going Without Vision Care, and the Problem is Getting Worse. The article discusses nearly every California County saw a drop in children's eye exams over last decade. One case discussed included a boy, whose teacher thought he was disruptive, when he could not see the board.

<https://calmatters.org/health/2026/04/medi-cal-vision-care-kids/>

Los Angeles Times: April 20, 2026. Associated Press. New Covid Subvariant 'Cicada' on the Rise in California, Just in Time for Summer. The article discussed a highly mutated COVID-19 Strain is circulating in California – raising concerns that disease activity could rise heading into the summer.

Link to Article:

<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-04-20/new-covid-subvariant-cicada-is-on-rise-what-you-need-to-know>

Immigration:

CalMatters: April 23, 2026. Wendy Fry. Ice Quietly Opens Another Detention Center in a Former California Prison. The article discusses this detention center is in McFarland; and California now has eight detention centers.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/justice/2026/04/new-ice-detention-center-mcfarland/>

Poverty:

CalMatters: April 2, 2026. Kristin Hwang. California Kids are Going Without Vision Care, and the Problems is Getting Worse.

<https://calmatters.org/health/2026/04/medi-cal-vision-care-kids/>

CalMatters. April 6, 2026. Pat Hornbecker. Opinion Piece. After a Four Year Wait to See a Dentist, Her Son Suffered. With Medi-Cal Cuts, the Wait will be Even Longer. The opinion piece discussed people on Medi-Cal waiting months or years for dental appointments; for those needing sedation, the number of available providers shrinks further.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/commentary/2026/04/medi-cal-dentist-budget-cuts-california/>

CalMatters. April 15, 2026. Ben Christopher. Cities Scramble to Comply with or fight Major State Housing Law. The law discussed is that it is now legal for developer to build mid-rises in major metro neighborhoods near train, subway, and certain dedicated bus stops.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/2026/04/sb-79-implementation/>

CalMatters. April 21, 2026. Marisa Kendal. California Blocks Trump Administration from Withholding Homelessness Funds. California for now has prevented the Trump administration from changing priorities in homelessness funding to favor temporary shelters rather than long-term housing.

Lik to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/housing/homelessness/2026/04/hud-homeless-lawsuit/>

Other:

CalMatters. April 15, 2026. Adam Ashton. CalPERS Sent Retirees “Shocking bills. They Are Getting Their Money Back. CalPERS on Tuesday gave up a seven-year legal battle to claw back hundreds of thousands of dollars from four pensioners who the fund accused of break the rules about working after retirement.

Link to Article:

<https://calmatters.org/politics/2026/04/calpers-retired-annuitants-settlement/>

CalMatters. April 20, 2026. Adam Ashton. How a CHP Hiring Spree Started to Bend the Curve on CalPERs Contribution Rates.

Link to Articles:

<https://calmatters.org/justice/2026/04/calpers-chp-pensions/>