

Dear Fellow California NARFE Federation Members

This certainly has been a year of unprecedented means of living or existing. We often think what is this virus? Why are there so many different views on handling it? Why must I wear a mask? Why shouldn't I go out to the stores and when can I go to a mall? I miss my family get togethers. How are my friends really doing? Why are the politicians telling me what I can and cannot do? Should the schools be open? I feel like rebelling. Plus, I feel lonely and depressed. Add to all this is our dreadful weather, power outages, and all our raging fires throughout our state. Look around we are all wondering the same thing and having the same thoughts. We must, however, just keep moving forward and persevere. We are all in this together and we will get through this and survive. However, we must just stay in communication.

We were recently informed by our Federation President that we had planned to conduct in-person training this summer with classes in the Northern and the Southern part of the State. These were cancelled, then rescheduled twice before we had to move to a single virtual training session. We have scheduled our virtual session to consist of training by a representative from CMS (Center for Medicare-Medicaid Services) as well as presentations from four reps from the top FEHB plans on the upcoming changes and having Medicare with your FEHB. We hope many of our active members will join with us.

It is my pleasure to invite you to attend the First Virtual Training Meeting of the California Federation. The meeting will be held on September 23, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM. If you wish to attend please respond by emailing me at [yoggi.narfe@gmail.com](mailto:yoggi.narfe@gmail.com). Please provide your name, chapter number if any, email address and phone number by September 18, 2020 to ensure your spot for the Training Meeting. Please note this is not the same as the recently announced National training on AMS now set for the same day. We will send out a second email with the directions for signing in to the Zoom conference. Please note that we will also include instructions on how to dial into the meeting if you do not have internet access.

I am looking forward to getting together with you all, even if it is in a virtual mode and seeing your smiling faces. Take care, stay safe and stay informed.

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