

**JOINT INFORMATIONAL HEARING  
ASSEMBLY HEALTH AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEES**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2002**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

**State Capitol, Room 4202**

**AGENDA – Part I**

**Arbitration in Health Care**

***Welcome and Opening Comments (9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.)***

- Health Committee Chair, Helen Thomson
- Judiciary Committee Chair, Ellen M. Corbett

***Brief Introduction to Arbitration (9:10 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.)***

- Professor J. Clark Kelso, McGeorge School of Law

***Panel One: Nurse Perspectives (9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.)***

- Deborah Burger, Vice President, California Nurses Association

***Panel Two: Arbitration Provider Perspectives (9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.)***

- Robert Meade, Sr. Vice President, American Arbitration Association
- Sharon L. Hartmann, Office of the Independent Administrator, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan
- David Werdegar, Chair, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Arbitration Oversight Board

***Panel Three: Health Plan Perspectives (10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.)***

- J. Michael Hawkins, Legislative Representative, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.
- Maureen O'Haren, California Association of Health Plans



***Panel Four: Consumer and Patient Perspectives (10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.)***

- Jamie Court, Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights
- Hiram Ash, Kaiser patient and arbitration participant
- Earl Lui, Consumers Union
- Rick Simmons, Sharon Arkin, Consumer Attorneys of California

***Panel Five: Department of Managed Health Care Perspective (11:45 – 12:00 p.m.)***

- Herb K. Schultz, Deputy Director for External Affairs
- Joy Higa, Deputy Director for Plan and Provider Relations

***Public Comment***