

## News Release

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## Covered California Announces Appointment of New Assistant General Counsel and Director of the Office of Legal Affairs

- Allison Pease brings nearly a decade of legal experience with Covered California to her new position, which begins on Jan. 17.
- Pease previously served as the deputy director of the Office of Legal Affairs where she worked on complex health care law and policy.

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Covered California Executive Director Jessica Altman announced the appointment of Allison Pease as assistant general counsel and director of the Office of Legal Affairs.

"Allison is an experienced leader with a great legal mind who has helped navigate Covered California through numerous legal issues for nearly 10 years," Altman said. "Her dedication to Covered California's mission is evident through her work and in her passion for creating a solution-oriented and inclusive environment."

Pease brings a broad range of legal experience to the position, including with personnel and Equal Employment Opportunity issues. She also has experience with public sector issues, such as conflict of interest and open-meeting laws, and with complex health care law and policy — in particular, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

She graduated from Occidental College in Los Angeles with a degree in Critical Theory and Social Justice. She also has a law degree from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law.

Pease will replace Brandon Ross, who recently took over as Covered California's general counsel, and begin her new position on Jan. 17. The annual salary for her position is \$208,920.

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## **About Covered California**

Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace, where Californians can find affordable, high-quality insurance from top insurance companies. Covered California is the only place where individuals who qualify can get financial assistance on a sliding scale to reduce premium costs. Consumers can then compare health insurance plans and choose the plan that works best for their health needs and budget. Depending on their income, some consumers may qualify for the low-cost or no-cost Medi-Cal program.

Covered California is an independent part of the state government whose job is to make the health insurance marketplace work for California's consumers. It is overseen by a five-member board appointed by the governor and the Legislature. For more information about Covered California, please visit <a href="https://www.coveredCA.com">www.coveredCA.com</a>.

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