



# A Conversation About the Office of Health Care Affordability

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Vishaal Pegany is the inaugural deputy director for the Office of Health Care Affordability, housed within the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI). He was an assistant secretary at the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS). Vishaal represented CalHHS in the policy development and negotiations for the Office for the last three years. In addition to his work on OHCA at CalHHS, Mr. Pegany has focused on efforts to improve health care affordability, health coverage, and quality of care, including staffing the Health and Human Services Secretary on the Healthy California for All Commission. He has held several positions in the public and private sectors, including working on health policy for Covered California, health analytics for Accenture, health policy for Insure the Uninsured Project, and analysis of the Affordable Care Act on substance use disorder services with the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. He earned two master's degrees in public policy and public health from the Goldman School of Public Policy and the School of Public Health at the University of California, Berkeley.