

2023 DAY AT THE CAPITOL

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Day at the Capitol Preparation Webinar

April 17, 2023

Webinar Agenda

Welcome & Introductions

DAC Schedule & Activities

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What is Day at the Capitol?



DAC is a day full of advocacy, storytelling, and networking!

It is an opportunity to speak with elected officials/staff and raise awareness on community health center priorities.



Wednesday, April 26th

- 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM** **MEMBER CHECK-IN** (The Elks Tower)
921 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
- 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM** **DAC MATERIAL REVIEW & CONSORTIA HUDDLES**
- 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM** **LEGISLATIVE VISITS**
1021 N. St., Sacramento, CA 95814 (new 'Swing Space')
- 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM** **EDUCATIONAL SESSION: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT WITH ALTAMED
& ASIAN HEALTH SERVICES** (The Elks Tower)
- 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM** **LUNCH PROGRAM** (The Elks Tower)
- 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM** **LEGISLATIVE VISITS**
1021 N. St., Sacramento, CA 95814 (new 'Swing Space')
- 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM** **LEGISLATIVE RECEPTION** (Mix Downtown)
1525 L. St., Sacramento, CA 95814

Legislative Champion

*Senator Susan
Talamantes
Eggman*

**A Community
Health Center
Champion!**



DAC Speaker

*Senator
Caroline
Menjivar*



FY23-24 State Legislative and Budget Priorities



CHC Legislative Priorities

CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates Sponsored/Co-Sponsored Legislation

- **AB 1549 (Carrillo, W.)**
 - Prospective Payment System Reform
- **AB 1612 (Pacheco)**
 - OSHPD 3
- **SB 282 (Eggman)**
 - Same Day Access
- **AB 85 (Weber)**
 - Social Determinants of Health

CHC Legislative Priority: AB 1549

Prospective Payment System Reform

AB 1549 (W. Carillo) would include additional triggering events to WIC 14132.100 to truly capture wage increases stemming from state or local efforts, CHC actual costs of services, and expanded care team members in a CHCs PPS rate.

- **Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee**
- **CHC ASK:** In order to continue providing excellent, high-quality care to patients in our communities, our PPS statute must be modernized to help CHCs successfully meet the state-mandated care transformation efforts. Support the bill when it comes before the you in committee or on the Floor.

CHC Legislative Priority: AB 1612

Removing Licensing Barriers for Providing Access to Care

AB 1612 (Pacheco) would update the construction and building standards for outpatient clients and would provide that a Primary Care Clinic in good standing would be able to acquire and operate an existing outpatient setting or building a new outpatient clinic without being linked to the heightened building standards of a hospital clinic.

- **Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee**
- **CHC ASK:** *Current heightened standards result in barriers to access patient care because community health centers are required to utilize their funds for construction costs that don't substantially improve patient safety rather than expanding services or opening additional sites in underserved areas. Support the bill when it comes before the you in committee or on the Floor.*

CHC Legislative Priority: SB 282

Same Day Access to Medical and Behavioral Health Care

SB 282 (Eggman) would allow FQHCs and RHCs to bill Medi-Cal for two visits if patients were provided mental health services on the same day, they have a medical visit.

- **Location: Senate Appropriation Suspense File**
- **CHC ASK:** *California is one of 15 states that DOES NOT allow community health centers to receive reimbursement for providing medical and behavioral health care on the same day.*
Urge the Budget Chairperson pass the bill out of suspense.

CHC Legislative Priority: AB 85

Social Determinates of Health Screenings

AB 85 (Weber) would require health plans and insurers to include coverage for SDOH screenings, referrals, and community navigation services

- **Location: Assembly Appropriations Committee**
- **CHC ASK:** *AB 85 seeks to improve health outcomes for vulnerable communities and supports the state's efforts to achieve whole person care. Support the bill when it comes before the you in committee or on the Floor.*

CHC Legislative Priorities

CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates Opposed Legislation

- **SB 525 (Durazo)**
 - Minimum wage: health care workers

- **SB 779 (Stern)**
 - Increasing reporting requirements for CHCs

Opposition: SB 525

\$25 Minimum Wage for Health Care Workers

SB 525 (Durazo) would establish a \$25 per hour minimum wage for all healthcare workers and would require exempt employees to make double the minimum wage.

- **Location: Senate Appropriations Committee**
- **CHC ASK:** Our health centers support higher wages for their employees, but any effort to increase wages must be sustainable, equitable, and applicable to all centers. Vote NO in committee or on the floor unless it's amended to provide a funding source and provide CHCs the statutory and regulatory changes necessary for successful implementation.

Opposition: SB 779

Clinic Data Expansion

SB 779 (Stern) seeks to dramatically expand the amount of data reporting requirements on CHCs focusing on 6 major categories: PPS rate, revenue spent on workforce, mergers and acquisitions, detailed labor report, workforce development, and quality/equity.

- **CHC ASK:** *The bill is overly broad, duplicative in many areas, and an unnecessary expansion of data reporting requirements.*
Vote NO in committee or on the floor unless it's amended to remove all duplicative reporting requirements and lessen administrative burdens.

CHC Top Budget Priorities

Budget Ask: Increase Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project with \$60M one-time funding request (\$30M state/\$30M Fed Match)

**Increase Medi-Cal
Health Enrollment
Navigators Project
funding by
\$60 million
one-time!**

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CHC Top Budget Priority: Health Navigation Funding Expansion

Between now and June 2024, 15.2M current Medi-Cal beneficiaries will undergo program recertification, and 700,000+ individuals will become newly eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits through the Health4All adult expansion. Culturally and linguistically appropriate health navigation in a patient's trusted medical home must be funded and prioritized in these efforts. CHCs are ideally positioned to do this.

- **CHC ASK:** *It is critically important that the state commit an additional, one-time \$60M to increase Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project funding. Please sign on to the budget letter supporting this critical funding request.*

Materials Available to Assist in Your Visits w/Members of the Legislature

1. 2023 Legislative Priorities
2. 2022 State Profile
3. Sponsored Bill Fact Sheets & TPs
4. Redeterminations Budget Sign-on Letter
5. SB 525 & SB 779 OUA letter & TPs
6. Advocacy and Social Media Toolkit
7. Social Media Handles Document

Legislative Visit Best Practices & Social Media



Tips for Talking with Policymakers

- Get to Know Your Legislators
 - Review their biography
 - Understand their priorities and what committees they're on
 - Review social media accounts
- Meetings
 - Coordinate a meeting place and time with your group
 - Designate a meeting "facilitator"
 - Tell your community health center story
 - Elevate patient stories
 - Show your passion
 - **MAKE THE ASK!**
 - Follow-up with digital informative & identifying information
 - Thank legislator/staff and post on social media if you take photo

Social Media Best Practices

- Post on the appropriate social media platforms or the platforms you have!
- Bring awareness to DAC and the legislative priorities
- Use hashtags: #DAC2023 #ValueCHCs #CHCAdvocacy
- Tag @HealthPlusAdv on Instagram and Twitter
- Tag your legislators
 - Their handles might vary on different platforms!
 - Use our Social Media Directory as a Resource!

Capitol Power Hour

- “Capitol Power Hour” - 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
- Advocates will come together to create a **spike** in social media activity across platforms by advocating for community health centers and uplifting our legislative priorities
- Suggested captions, social media graphics, and instructions are available in the Advocacy and Social Media Toolkit Material

Photo Opportunities on DAC

Highlight your work by taking photos and sharing them throughout the day!

- 1) **State Capitol:** Take a photo or selfie in front of the California State Capitol.
- 2) **Swing Space:** Take a photo or selfie in the new Swing Space.
- 3) **Legislative Office:** Take a photo or selfie in front of your legislator's office.
- 4) **Legislative Visit:** If your legislator or staffer agrees, take a photo or selfie at the end of your meeting.
- 5) **Colleagues/Team:** Take a photo or selfie with your colleagues and lobby team.
- 6) **RAC/Consortia:** Take a photo or selfie with your consortia members.
- 7) **CPCA Staff:** Take a photo or selfie with a CPCA staff member.
- 8) **CPCA CEO:** Find and take a photo or selfie with CPCA's CEO Francisco Silva.
- 9) **Educational Session:** Take a photo or selfie of you attending the educational session.
- 10) **Lunch Program:** Take a photo or selfie during the Lunch Program.
- 11) **Legislative Reception:** Take a photo or selfie while at The Mix for the Legislative Reception.

Don't forget to tag @HealthPlusAdv

Please use hashtags #DAC2023 #ValueCHCs and #CHCAdvocacy

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