

Protect Our Care – Value Community Health Centers

- **Health Centers are Important Businesses in the Community:** Health Center Partners' (HCP) 17 member health centers contributed more than \$1.1 billion to San Diego, Riverside & Imperial counties and supported more than 9,000 jobs.
- **Health Centers are Cost Effective:** In addition to being economic drivers in local communities, health centers save the Medicaid/Medi-Cal system money – providing care to patients for 22% less cost than other primary care providers. Statewide: Health Centers see 1 in 5 of all Medi-Cal beneficiaries for only 2.8% of costs.
- **Health Care for Safety Net Patients is at Risk:** 95% of health center patients live below 200% of the federal poverty line – constituting the majority who gained coverage in California under Medicaid expansion and those who received subsidies in Covered California.

Sponsored Bills in California

- **SB 456 – Care Coordination (Senator Richard Pan)** will improve the health of California's most vulnerable people by allowing FQHCs to be reimbursed for the services that promote care coordination and wellness in ways not covered by the PPS rate.
- **SB 323 – Behavioral Health (Senator Holly Mitchell)** will help community health centers provide the full spectrum of behavioral health to our most vulnerable communities by adding Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) and Specialty Mental Health (SMH) to the types of services that FQHCs and rural health centers may provide and be reimbursed under contract, outside of the PPS rate.

California Budget Proposal

The Governor's 2017-18 Budget proposal is concerning to health centers because of cuts to spending commitments made last year to fund the health care system and changes to the discount drug program for safety net health centers. Three of these programs are vital to delivering on the promise of a robust and comprehensive Medicaid Program.

- 340B Discount Program Drug Program – **PLEASE VOTE NO**
- Workforce – **PLEASE REINSTATE the \$100M Commitment**
- Behavioral Health Access to Care – **PLEASE VOTE NO to Delay**

Federal Issues

Medi-Cal through the ACA in California is working!

- Nearly 4 million Californians have benefited the expanded program.
- Without Medi-Cal, these families will be forced to delay seeking care or return to getting care in the MOST COSTLY place possible – emergency rooms.

Planned Parenthood - Any policies that eliminate or diminish Planned Parenthood's role in our state's comprehensive network of care would put untenable stress on remaining community health centers. We do not have the capacity for such an increase. And, patients have a right to choose where they receive their health care services.