

2018 Supported Policies & Sponsored Legislation

FEDERAL

Strong Medicaid Program

Preserve the FQHC Prospective Payment System (PPS) methodology within a strong Medicaid Program.

340B Drug Discount Pricing Program

Community Health Centers need continued, assured access to the 340B Program to sustain their essential model of care.

Integrated Behavioral Health and Substance Use Treatment (SUD)

Support Community Health Centers' ability to improve access to and delivery of high quality, cost effective behavioral health and SUD.

Telehealth

Support "CONNECT for Health Act of 2017" to allow FQHCs to be eligible for reimbursement in Medicare as both "distant and originating sites", and to allow for reimbursement for remote patient monitoring.

STATE

Community Health Centers Response to Emergencies

Support "AB 2576 Declared Emergencies" to allow Community Health Centers to address payment for services during declared emergencies, including telephonic visits, telehealth visits, and payment for care provided at alternative locations.

Delivery of Whole Person Care

Support "SB 1125 Same Day Billing" to allow Community Health Centers to bill Medi-Cal for two visits if a patient is provided mental health services on the same day they receive other medical services (primary care or dental).

AB 2428 Consolidated Licensing

Amends the Welfare and Institutions Code to allow Community Health Centers that choose to utilize the consolidated license process to have the option to share all administrative functions of the licensed facility, including Medi-Cal enrollment and PPS rate.

Protect the savings of the 340B Program for Medi-Cal Fee For Service and Managed Care

The 340B prescription drug program enables Community Health Centers to stretch scarce federal resources to underserved patients and provide comprehensive services beyond the reach of the Medi-Cal program. It is a vital lifeline for safety-net providers across the state.

Influence the State Plan Amendment

DHCS issued notice to implement changes to the current State Plan related to FQHC services and payment including MFTs as billable providers, Productivity Standards, Scope Changes, Four Walls, Executive Compensation Caps, Administrative Caps and other matters.