

Checklist for Community Health

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- Protect Medicaid and Community Health Centers:** The Medicaid Program is strong and robust in California, in large part because of the vital role that community health centers play in providing comprehensive primary care services. Community health centers have a mission to serve all, regardless of ability to pay. We are deeply committed to creating a culture of inclusion and overall wellbeing. **Please continue to support and enhance the success of Medicaid in California.**
- Behavioral Health Access to Care:** Help us meet the unmet behavioral health needs of our community by **supporting Senate Bill 323 (Mitchell)** and asking the Governor to **implement AB 1863 (Wood, Chap. 610, Stats. 2016)** as directed by the legislation.
- Care Coordination:** Help us improve the health of California's most vulnerable people by **supporting Senate Bill 456 (Pan)**, which will allow Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) to be reimbursed for services that promote continuity of care and wellness in ways not covered by the Prospective Payment System.
- 340B Drug Discount Program:** Protect our patient's access to discount drugs, pharmacy networks, and other health center programs that are funded by 340B program savings, by asking the Governor to **rescind his 340B budget proposal.**
- Workforce:** California has a primary care workforce crisis and we cannot afford to lose ground we already gained. Please **reinstate the \$100 million workforce investment** that the Governor and Legislature committed to last year.
- Newly Qualified Immigrants (NQI):** California's newest residents need the support and care provided to them by the Medi-Cal program and should not be transitioned to Covered California. If these patients are moved, the state's savings will be at the expense of immigrant's health and well-being. **Oppose the shift of NQIs to Covered California.**
- Federal Health Care Issues:** The ACA and Medicaid is a success in California. Health centers are the heart of the Medicaid program and need to have their grant funding renewed for the next five years. **Please continue to support a strong Medicaid program and support renewed federal grant funding for community health centers.**
- Immigrants:** President Trump's recent executive orders have increased fear of deportation, which is causing patients to cancel their medical appointments and dis-enroll from programs for which they are legally eligible, putting their health and the health of their community at risk. Absenteeism from staff who come from mixed status families has dramatically increased as people fear raids and check-points. **Please continue to protect and support immigrants.**
- Planned Parenthood:** Planned Parenthood currently operates 115 health centers in California and serves nearly 850,000 patients through 1.5 million encounters annually. Any policies that eliminate or diminish Planned Parenthood's role in our state's comprehensive network of care would put untenable stress on remaining health centers. **Please continue to support Planned Parenthood and Title X in California.**
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