

Checklist for Community Health Centers

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State Budget Priority

- 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 Administration to rescind the 340B budget proposal.

Sponsored Bills

- Behavioral Health Access:** Help us meet the unmet behavioral health needs of our community by supporting **Senate Bill 1125 (Atkins)**. Through same day billing, this bill will allow for greater integration of mental health services into comprehensive primary care settings, making services more accessible, improving coordination of care, and supporting a "whole person care" approach to serving Medi-Cal beneficiaries.
- 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 (PPS).
- Declared Emergencies:** To help California's communities better prepare and respond to future disasters, we ask that you support **Assembly Bill 2576 (Aguilar-Curry)** to ensure that communities continue to receive timely access to care when disaster strikes. In particular, this bill aims to address payment for services during declared emergencies, including telephonic visits, telehealth visits, and payment for care provided at alternative locations.
- Consolidated Licensing:** Help pave the path for health centers to better serve their communities, respond to changing service needs, and expand services by supporting **Assembly Bill 2428 (Gonzalez Fletcher)**. This bill builds upon prior legislation from 2016 (AB 2053 – Gonzalez Fletcher) and would allow for a health center that chooses 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.

Partner Legislation and Other Priorities

- Protect and Expand Medicaid:** The Medicaid Program is strong and robust in California, in large part because of the vital role that community health centers play. Please continue to enhance the successful Medi-Cal program we have built in California by supporting **Senate Bill 974 (Lara)**. By removing immigration status as an eligibility exclusion, this bill will expand comprehensive full-scope Medi-Cal to all income-eligible adults.
- Intermittent Clinics:** California health centers continue to expand to meet the needs of their communities. By supporting **Assembly Bill 2204 (Gray)**, you can guarantee that health centers have the flexibility they need to increase the hours of operation for intermittent clinics from 30 to 40 hours a week.
- Workforce:** California has a primary care workforce crisis and we cannot afford to lose ground we already gained. Please continue to support the FY 17-18 budget investment in primary care workforce.
- Immigrants:** President Trump's 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. We must continue to stand and support immigrants.

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