



## FACT SHEET

AB 2204 (Gray)

~Intermittent Clinic Hours of Operation~

### SUMMARY

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AB 2204 allows intermittent health clinics to operate for 40 hours per week.

### PROBLEM

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An intermittent clinic is operated by a primary care community or free clinic off-site from the licensed clinic and is only open with limited services for no more than 30 hours a week. Intermittent clinics are exempt from licensure; however, they must still meet all other requirements of law. They are commonly opened on school campuses, in homeless shelters, in rural areas, and are often designed to serve a specific patient population.

Primary care clinics use intermittent clinics to offer services in communities that would otherwise not support a full-time licensed clinic such as school-based health centers or underserved communities.

The sharp rise in health insurance covered under the ACA and Medi-Cal expansion has significantly increased demand for non-emergency room medical services in communities without sufficient infrastructure and personnel to provide that care.

Unfortunately, limitations on intermittent health clinics throughout the state affect the ability for underserved communities, hard to reach populations, and students alike to access health care.

### SOLUTION

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AB 2204 increases the number of hours that an intermittent health clinic is open from 30 hours per week to 40 hours per week.

Expanding hours will aid in overcoming barriers for patients who are not able to access full-time health clinics and allow flexibility for clinics to serve their patients.

This bill will allow part-time clinics to prevent sites from the threat of closure, open new sites, and increase local access to needed health services, regardless of age, ethnic background, or income level.

For example, providing a 40 hour operating schedule would allow a school-based intermittent clinic to operate during the normal school day while also offering services on Saturdays when working families may be better able to access services.

Increasing intermittent clinic operations by 10 additional hours is a common-sense solution to the growing demand for health care services which has zero fiscal impact on the state.

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