

# Checklist for Community Health Centers

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## State Budget Priorities

- 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 work with health centers as this proposal is developed to ensure that California's critical safety-net hospitals and community health centers will be able to continue to deliver the essential services they do today.
- Prop 56: Value Based Payments:** Ensure that the Department of Health Care Services allows all Medi-Cal providers, including health centers, to participate in the Value Based Payment (VBP) program proposed in the 2019-20 State Budget. The VBP program aims to improve quality and lower costs, specifically targeted at behavioral health integration, chronic disease management, and prenatal and postpartum care and needs to be available to all Medi-Cal patients.

## Sponsored Bills

- Behavioral Health Access:** Help us meet the unmet behavioral health needs of our community by supporting **Senate Bill 66 (Atkins/McGuire)**. 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.
- Declared Emergencies:** To help California's communities better prepare and respond to future disasters, we ask that you support **Assembly Bill 1494 (Aguiar-Curry)** which will ensure that communities continue to receive timely access to care when disaster strikes. Building on existing law (AB 2576), AB 1494 provides clarity in the law to guarantee that CHCs can continue to provide, and will be reimbursed for, telehealth services, telephonic services, and other specified services for their patients that have been impacted by a declared emergency.
- Improving Access to Care:** Help improve access to care for California's most vulnerable communities by supporting **Assembly Bill 899 (Wood)**. This bill streamlines the expansion process for a licensed health center by giving them the option to repurpose an existing outpatient setting or previously licensed primary care clinic to meet the growing demand for services.

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