



# Day at the Capitol Prep Session

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# Day at the Capitol: April 24, 2019

- CHC representatives from around the state converge in Sacramento
- Sharing common messages
  - *Protect the 340B program from the Administration's proposed changes*
  - *Support long-term and stable funding to grow and sustain the CHC workforce*
  - *Support SB 66 to allow same day visits, increasing access to care for patients*
  - *Support AB 899 to streamline the expansion process for CHCs*
  - *Support AB 1494 to ensure communities continue to receive access during disasters*
- Add a human face and impact to legislation



# WHAT'S GOING AT THE CAPITOL

- The Assembly and Senate are in session and holding hearings on several of our sponsored bills.
- It is critical to talk with our legislators about the importance of these bills to make sure they pass through committee and don't end up on the *suspense* file.
- Additionally, the Legislature is reviewing the Governor's proposed budget and making suggestions/voicing opposition ahead of the Governor's May revise.



# HCP Member Packet



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# What's in your Packet?

Everything you need for Day at the Capitol is in your packet:

- Schedule of Events - Final provided at HCP dinner on 4/23/18
- Section 1 – HCP Materials
- Section 2 – CPCA Materials
- Section 3 – Talking Points / Policy Papers

HCP WEBPAGE: [www.hcpsocal.org/2019dac](http://www.hcpsocal.org/2019dac)



# State Issues and Sponsored Legislation



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# WHAT'S AT STAKE? 340B

Governor Newsom's EO would direct DHCS to transition all pharmacy services for Medi-Cal managed care to FFS by January 2021, **this could essentially end the savings received by Health Centers.**

# 340B

We ask the Assembly and Senate to **REJECT** any changes to the 340B program that would unintentionally harm health centers without providing equal funding to replace the savings health centers will lose.



# WHAT'S IN OUR FAVOR?

CHCs exemplify the type of safety net program the 340B program was intended to support.

- Serve only those areas and populations designated “high need”.
- Ensures all patients can access the full range of services regardless of ability to pay.
- Required to reinvest all 340B savings into activities approved as “advancing their charitable mission of ensuring access to care for the underserved”.

Be prepared to talk about how much you receive in 340B savings and where you reinvest the money. Include any services or staff that would be cut if the program were to change.





# Workforce

- In just 10 years California is projected to face a **shortfall of more than 4,100 primary care clinicians** and will only have two-thirds of the psychiatrists it needs.
- **Support long-term and stable funding** to grow and sustain the CHC workforce, i.e. Song Brown and Prop 64 funding
- **Support the California Future Health Workforce Commission's recommendations** to grow, support and sustain the health workforce pipeline to eliminate the shortage of primary care providers and nearly eliminate the shortage of psychiatrists.



# Sponsored Legislation



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# Opportunity for Growth: Sponsored Bills

## **SB 66 Behavioral Health Access (Atkins/McGuire)**

Allows CHCs to bill Medi-Cal for two visits if a patient is provided mental health services on the same day they receive other medical/dental services.

## **AB 899 Streamlining Expansion of Primary Care Facilities (Wood)**

Allows licensed health centers to acquire existing outpatient setting or previously licensed primary care clinic and add them to an existing license and open immediately without requiring renovations.

## **AB 1494 Declared Emergencies (Aguiar-Curry)**

Building on existing law, AB 1494 would ensure communities continue to receive timely access to care when disaster strikes by allowing providers to have telephonic appointments, provide care for patients in-home and at shelters.



Who are we meeting  
with?



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# HCP Senate Delegation

- 28: Jeff Stone – R
- 31: Richard Roth – R
- 36: Patricia Bates – SD
- 38: Brian Jones – SD
- 39: Toni Atkins – SD
- 40: Ben Hueso – SD/Imp



# HCP Assembly Delegation

- 42: Chad Mayes – R
- 56: Eduardo Garcia – Imp/R
- 61: Jose Medina – R
- 60: Sabrina Cervantes – R
- 67: Melissa Melendez – R
- 71: Randy Voepel – R/SD
- 75: Marie Waldron – SD
- 76: Tasha Boerner Horvath – SD
- 77: Brian Maienschein – SD
- 78: Todd Gloria – SD
- 79: Shirley Weber – SD
- 80: Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher – SD



# Tim's Tips of the Trade

- Greeting
- Brief Introductions (name, health center, role)
- Set up of main issues: 340B, Workforce, Sponsored Bills
  - Value of FQHCs
  - Clinical Successes/Patient Stories
  - Vulnerable Families
- Make The Ask
- Thank for visit – invite for tour
- Photo



# Make a Lasting Impression

- Please arrive early and quietly
- Turn phones to silent/vibrate
- Share your story
- Take lots of pictures!
- Share on social media
  - tag the member and HCP (@HCPSOCAL)
  - #ValueCHCs, #DAC2019





# Member Working Dinner

TEQUILA  
MUSEO



MAYAHUEL

**Tuesday, April 23, 2019**

**6:00pm**

**Tequila Museo Mayahuel**

**1200 K Street**

**Sacramento, CA 95814**





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