



March 10, 2022

The Honorable Susan Eggman
Chair, Senate Budget Sub. 3
1021 O Street, Suite 8530
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Joaquin Arambula
Chair, Assembly Budget Sub. 1
1021 O Street, Suite 6240
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **FY22-23 Proposed State Budget - Community Health Center Top Budget Priorities**

Dear Chairs Eggman and Arambula:

On behalf of [Health Center Partners of Southern California](#), representing 17 member organizations, including 12 Federally Qualified Health Centers, four Tribal Health Centers, and Planned Parenthood of the Pacific Southwest. Members of this regional primary care association are the core of the regional health care delivery system, operating over 160 practice sites across five counties, serving 848,000 patients with 3.2 million patient visits annually, and generating \$2.5 billion in economic impact to the region and \$1.4 billion in savings to Medicaid. **Today, I request your attention and leadership to guarantee that the FY22-23 budget guarantees Community Health Centers (CHCs) can continue and I look forward to partnering with the legislature and administration in creating a more equitable health care delivery system.**

To ensure the FY22-23 budget bolsters the health of all Californians, and that California's network of CHC remains vital in that the health care delivery system, **I urgently request the legislature take swift action to guarantee the following:**

- **MEDI-CAL RX IMPACT:** An additional \$50M general fund commitment, which would draw down an additional \$50M federal match, to strengthen the non-hospital clinic supplemental payment pool (SPP). This additional investment would bring the total SPP amount to just over \$200M dollars annually.
- **TELEHEALTH:** Design, with stakeholders, future telehealth policies that build upon on today's COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) telehealth flexibilities and successes.
- **WORKFORCE:** Invest \$1.7B in health care workforce to further support primary, preventive, and behavioral health access in communities most affected by COVID-19.
- **WORKFORCE:** Commit \$51M in new funding for educational debt relief, an advanced practice clinician training program, and residency programs that are most essential to CHCs recruitment and training of their future workforce while maintaining the workforce of today.
- **HEALTH4ALL:** Continue to move California to be the first state in the nation to guarantee Medi-Cal coverage for all income-eligible individuals regardless of age or immigration status.



Collectively, these investments are essential for the health of our communities and key to our economic recovery. I know the legislature and administration will continue to do what they have always done - make sure the health of all Californians comes first.

I thank you for your tireless efforts to support California's Community Health Centers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Henry N. Tuttle".

Henry N. Tuttle
President and Chief Executive Officer
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