




**COALITION TO
PROTECT ACCESS
TO CARE**



California physicians protect and care for nearly 15 million Medi-Cal patients across the state each day. But the current healthcare system creates disincentives for physicians to treat low-income patients. Many continue to treat patients at a loss, having gone years without regular adjustments in their reimbursement rates.

This initiative includes targeted rate increases for primary care and speciality care to make it easier for Medi-Cal patients to find a physician. In addition, the measure includes for loan repayment and graduate medical education for those who agree to treat Medi-Cal patients.

The lack of sufficient funding has created a healthcare crisis in California. In rural and urban communities alike, hospitals are closing. In recent years, more than 40 California hospitals have stopped offering labor and delivery services. Emergency rooms are overrun. While the Affordable Care Act has expanded coverage to millions of Californians, that has created stress on provider networks. Patients cannot get in to see a doctor or specialist when they need.


The Coalition to Protect Access to Care, a coalition of doctors, healthcare workers, community health centers, Planned Parenthood, health plans and emergency responders, is supporting a ballot measure to permanently use dedicated funding to help hospitals, clinics and doctors' offices stay open.

Without raising taxes on individuals, the measure will bring more federal funds back to California and improve access to critical healthcare services. Specifically, the initiative would:

+ Provide funds to keep hospitals and doctors' offices open, and expand access to healthcare – without raising taxes.



+ Provide more funding for primary and specialty care, mental health, expanded emergency room access, affordable prescription drugs, family planning, dental care, and to hire more healthcare workers.





+ Ensure that healthcare dollars are actually spent on patient care, requiring 99% of the money raised to go to patient care while ensuring administrative expenses are limited to 1%.



+ Expand our state's education and training to create a pipeline of healthcare workers and providers, including nurses, physician assistants, dentists and medical assistants.



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