




**COALITION TO
PROTECT ACCESS
TO CARE**



The Protect Access to Healthcare Act guarantees funding for the Medi-Cal dental program, providing enhanced access for preventative and restorative care. By increasing reimbursement rates for providers, it will make it easier for dental patients to see dental specialists, and expand access to preventative care, helping low-income patients improve their dental health by catching dental problems before they develop.

Medi-Cal currently provides medical and dental benefit coverage to 15 million low-income Californians (1/3 of all residents and half of all children), making it the largest provider of health insurance in the state. The program continues to grow and, after decades of underfunding, is in critical need of long-term funding solutions. Passing this ballot measure will mitigate the unpredictability of the annual state budget process and the fluctuations that can result year to year.


The Coalition to Protect Access to Care, a coalition of doctors, dentists, 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.



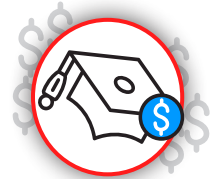



+ Ensure that healthcare dollars are actually spent on patient care, requiring 99% of the money raised to go to patient care while ensuring administrative expenses are limited to 1%.



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

+ Provides new funding for student loan repayment funds for dentists and physicians.



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