



2019 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

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**Our Vision:
An Optimally
Healthy
Society**

Coverage and Access to Health Care

Health Care Affordability

Protect and Expand Funding

Access to Behavioral Health Care

Workforce and Labor Development

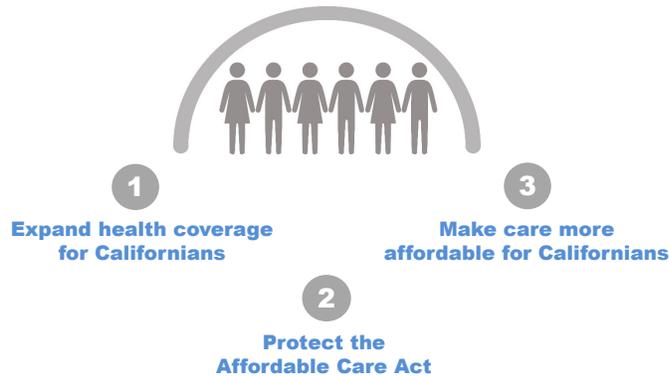
Statutory and Regulatory Reform

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Coverage and Access to Health Care



We will:

- **Lead** opposition to “public charge” regulations
- **Support** efforts to stabilize the ACA
- **Support** coverage for undocumented individuals in California
- **Support** access to affordable medications
- **Support** expanded premium and cost-sharing supports to lower out-of-pocket costs and improve affordability
- **Support** an individual mandate to help achieve universal coverage
- **Support** hospitals’ ability to provide services to homeless individuals



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Health Care Affordability



We will:

- **Lead** examination of new payment models that encourage lower costs, higher quality and greater efficiency
- **Support** new approaches to simplify, standardize and digitize data sharing including secure, real-time patient information across all providers and payers
- **Lead** discussions to re-examine the 2030 seismic standard to ensure safety and protect access while balancing health care costs
- **Oppose** a single-payer system, commercial rate regulation and separate property taxes for commercial property (split roll)
- **Lead** efforts to create an independent entity that calculates the cost of new state mandates imposed on hospitals



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Protect and Expand Funding



Ensure adequate state and federal funding for hospitals

We will:

- **Prevent** Medicare & Medicaid payment cuts, including proposed site-neutral, DSH cuts
- **Protect** 340B drug discount program for hospitals
- **Support** solutions to renew funding in the Medi-Cal 1115 Waiver for public hospitals
- **Lead** efforts to revise the calculation of available Proposition 55 tax revenues to provide new funds for Medi-Cal programs



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Access to Behavioral Health Care



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Raise awareness, reduce stigma to ensure patients get the care they need

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Advance improvement in the delivery systems for patients with behavioral health needs

We will:

- **Lead and Support** the work of the Behavioral Health Action coalition
- **Lead** the effort to create a new leadership position within the Newsom Administration to oversee behavioral health care delivery
- **Lead** the effort to improve state and federal funding of Public Guardians and other mental health programs
- **Support** the effort to eliminate barriers in the use of alternate destinations for patients needing urgent mental health care



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Workforce and Labor Development



- 1 **Develop a strong workforce of trained professionals**
- 2 **Improve physician training opportunities**
- 3 **Maintain an appropriate balance of workforce protections and employer responsibilities**

We will:

- **Support** efforts to ensure nurse practitioners and other professionals can practice to the top of their training
- **Support** efforts to increase GME funding and the number of physicians trained in California
- **Support** resolution of the *Dynamex* decision, which significantly limits the use of independent contractors
- **Prevent** enactment of federal and state nurse staff ratio legislation and penalties
- **Support** legislation to strengthen penalties against individuals who harm health care workers while on the job



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Statutory and Regulatory Reform



- 1 **Ease costly regulatory burdens that make hospitals less efficient**
- 2 **Prevent statutory changes that create unnecessary barriers to quality, efficient care**

We will:

- **Lead** effort to improve recovery for hospitals affected by wildfires
- **Lead** effort to ensure optimal implementation of the new CDPH licensing timelines
- **Prevent** efforts to increase regulatory burdens for hospitals that engage in direct contracting with large employers
- **Support** efforts to clarify Stark Law and anti-kickback statutes to facilitate care coordination
- **Support** efforts to protect not-for-profit hospital tax-exempt status