

### SB 779 Talking Points

- SB 779 is authored by Senator Henry Stern. The bill seeks to expand the data reporting requirements for Community Health Centers (CHCs)
- CaliforniaHealth+Advocates is **opposed unless amended** to the bill as currently drafted.
- The bill is unnecessary as the current reporting requirements are robust. The proponents of the bill have not provided any information showing that current reporting requirements are insufficient.
- The bill focuses on 5 main buckets: financial/revenue, mergers and acquisitions, detailed labor report, workforce development, and quality. Existing reporting requirements satisfy many of these buckets.
- CHCs already report data to many entities including HRSA, HCAI, and other payors.
- CHCs report over 500 data points for the sake of transparency, accountability, and to improve patient outcomes.
- Additional data reporting requirements that may compromise the safety and privacy of its patients and staff must be balanced with the utility of increased data reporting.
- CHC workforce issues are already challenging; taking CHC staff away from providing quality care to meet the expanded data reporting requirements may further exacerbate the workforce issue and harm patient care.
- **Unless the bill is amended to address duplicative reporting and reduce administrative burdens, CaliforniaHealth+Advocates must oppose the bill. We ask you to vote NO when the bill comes before you for a vote.**