

PROTECT PATIENTS

REJECT the **ATTACK** on
Community Health Centers



Dangerous Ballot Measure Threatens Care for Millions of Vulnerable Patients

A reckless statewide ballot proposition would threaten millions of California patients who rely on community health centers and clinics for their care. It would **divert billions of dollars away from patient care** into new state bureaucracy, forcing health centers and clinics to drastically reduce patient services and even close. Here's why a broad coalition of patients, health care providers, community leaders, and others oppose this dangerous measure:



A DANGEROUS ATTACK ON PATIENTS

- Research from health care economists at the Berkeley Research Group (BRG) found this measure would divert **\$1.7 billion** from community health centers and clinics at a time when clinics are already facing difficult financial challenges and federal and state funding cuts.
- In fact, according to BRG, if this measure passes, two-thirds of all health centers and clinics in the state will be pushed into **operating in the red**. The nonpartisan Legislative Analyst warns "**clinics might close**" because of this measure.



HURTS CALIFORNIA'S MOST VULNERABLE

- Community health centers and clinics provide essential care for millions, including primary care, prenatal care, urgent care, mental and behavioral health services, telehealth, and dental services.
- They serve the uninsured, 1 in 4 Medi-Cal patients, immigrants, working families, seniors, veterans, and LGBTQ+ individuals—regardless of ability to pay.
- This measure would **harm disadvantaged patients** already facing barriers to care.



INCREASES ER OVERCROWDING AND HEALTH CARE COSTS FOR ALL

- In many rural and underserved areas, community health centers and clinics are often **the only source of care**.
- Clinic closures and a reduction in available services will lead patients to skip vital preventive care, **increase emergency room visits, and worsen overcrowding** and wait times for all patients.
- According to the state's former independent Legislative Analyst, **the proposition will increase health care costs in the state by more than \$1 billion**, primarily because displaced patients will be forced to receive care in more costly settings like hospitals and emergency rooms.



ARBITRARY EXEMPTIONS THREATEN VITAL SERVICES

- This measure **excludes funding for vital services** that are essential to serving patients. As a result, the following excluded services are at risk of being cut:



CLINIC STAFFING

- Nursing Managers
- Chief Medical Officers and Physician Leaders
- Healthcare Enrollment Navigators
- Clinic Office Managers & Staff
- Appointment Referral Coordinators
- Administrative Assistants
- Billing & Accountants
- IT System & Staff
- Janitorial & Maintenance Facility Staff
- Human Resources Staff
- Operations Staff
- Workforce Development Staff
- Staff Recruitment Teams



PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Telemedicine Technology for Virtual Appointments
- Quality Care Improvement Programs
- Staff Training and Development
- Translation Services
- Patient Medical Records
- Appointment Support Services
- Care Management Programs
- Drivers & Transportation Services
- Employee Benefit Related Expenses
- Legal & Auditing Expenses
- Clinic's Liability Insurance



MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES

- Mammograms, CT and X-Ray Machines



CLINIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- Building New Clinics and Expanding Clinic Sites
- Rent & Lease of Buildings
- Utilities (e.g., telephones, office supplies, printing, etc.)
- Property & Equipment Insurance



UNNECESSARY

- Community health centers and clinics are **heavily regulated** by the federal and state governments, with strict reporting requirements and audits.
- They are not-for-profit organizations—focusing resources on patient care and community benefits, not profits or shareholders.
- And a majority of the board of directors must be patients of that facility, ensuring decisions reflect patient and community needs.

STOP the Dangerous **ATTACK** on Vulnerable Patients

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