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STOP the ATTACK on Patients & Clinics



Dangerous Ballot Measure Threatens Care for Millions of Vulnerable Patients

A broad coalition of patients, healthcare providers, civil justice advocates and community leaders oppose Prop 44, a reckless statewide ballot proposition that threatens millions of California patients who rely on community health centers and clinics for their healthcare.



A DANGEROUS ATTACK ON PATIENTS

- An independent study by the Berkeley Research Group found this proposition **would cut \$1.7 billion in the first year alone from community health centers and clinics**. Eighty-eight percent of clinics will have negative operating margins because of the proposition.
- As a result, **clinics that care for more than 11 million patients every year are at significant risk of being forced to cut back on services or even shut down**.
- Community health centers and clinics provide **essential primary care, prenatal care, urgent care, mental and behavioral health services, telehealth, and dental services**. They serve 1 in 4 Medi-Cal patients, the uninsured, working families, seniors, veterans, and LGBTQ+ individuals—regardless of ability to pay.
- This proposition would **cut healthcare for millions of patients** already facing serious barriers to care.



EXCLUSIONS THREATEN TO CUT VITAL PATIENT SERVICES

This poorly written measure excludes funding for important patient care and staff services. 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
- Appointment Referral Coordinators
- Billing & Accountants
- Janitorial & Maintenance
- Human Resources
- Recruitment & Workforce Development

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

- Telemedicine
- Quality Care Improvement Programs
- Staff Training and Development
- Translation Services
- Patient Medical Records
- Appointment Support Services
- Transportation Services

MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

- Mammograms, CT and X-Ray Machines
- Building New Clinics and Expanding Clinic Sites
- Rent & Lease of Buildings
- Utilities
- Fire & Earthquake Insurance



WOULD DECIMATE THE ENTIRE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM ALREADY UNDER SEVERE STRAIN

- In many rural and medically underserved communities, **community health centers and clinics are the only source of care—often within hundreds of miles**. This proposition will **shut down the only source of care in many communities**, forcing patients to drive hours or skip care altogether.
- Clinic closures and a reduction in services will lead patients to skip vital preventive care, **increasing emergency room visits and worsening overcrowding** and wait times for all patients.
- This proposition also **eliminates funding for hundreds of school-based health clinics** that provide primary and specialty care for tens of thousands of California school children.
- This proposition will make California's bad healthcare problems even worse – **increasing costs and wait times for patients already struggling to see a doctor or specialist**.



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 required to focus 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 of that specific clinic.



OPPOSED BY PATIENTS, DOCTORS, NURSES, COMMUNITY LEADERS

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| ■ California School Nurses Organization | ■ California Hospital Association |
| ■ Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA | ■ California Children's Hospital Association |
| ■ California Academy of Family Physicians | ■ California Behavioral Health Association |
| ■ American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists District IX | ■ California Black Health Network |
| ■ California Medical Association | ■ American College of Emergency Physicians, California |
| ■ California Primary Care Association | ■ California Teachers Association |

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