

NO 44 ON PROP

STOP the ATTACK on Patients & Clinics



A broad coalition of patients, healthcare providers, civil rights and community leaders oppose Prop 44 because it will **harm millions of patients by shutting down hundreds of community health clinics and forcing clinics to cut back on vital patient services.**



WILL SHUT DOWN HUNDREDS OF CLINICS AND CUT VITAL PATIENT SERVICES

- Health economists warn Prop 44 **will cut \$1.7 billion from community health clinics in the first year and billions thereafter.** As a result, 88% of clinics across the state would operate at a loss.
- Prop 44 will **shut down hundreds of community health clinics throughout the state and force major cuts to patient services** – jeopardizing care for millions of patients.



DANGEROUS ATTACK ON 7 MILLION PATIENTS

- Prop 44 **threatens access to care for the 7 million patients** who rely on community health clinics, including children, working families, the uninsured, seniors, veterans, and 1 in 3 Medi-Cal patients.
- If Prop 44 passes, patients would lose access to critical primary care, prenatal care, mental health services, telehealth, dental services and much more.
- In many rural and medically underserved communities, **community health clinics are the only source of care** for hundreds of miles. If clinics are forced to close, millions of patients will have **nowhere to turn for care.**



PENALIZES CLINICS FOR INVESTING IN KEY PATIENT SERVICES

- Prop 44 has major legal flaws that **financially penalize clinics if they spend resources on important staff and patient services.** These legal flaws and penalties would force clinics to cut back on:

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



PUTS POLITICIANS BETWEEN PATIENTS AND THEIR DOCTORS AND NURSES

- Prop 44 puts the State Attorney General – an elected politician with no healthcare experience – in charge of decisions about the services health clinics can provide.
- The last thing we need is **politicians to interfere in decisions** that should be between patients and their doctors, and nurses.



WILL FURTHER STRAIN OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

- California's **health care system is in crisis**. Costs are too high; patients wait too long to see a doctor or specialist.
- Recent federal cuts have placed additional strain on hospitals, clinics, doctors, and patients.
- Under Prop 44, millions of patients will lose access to care and end up in hospital emergency rooms for routine care - resulting in **more emergency room overcrowding, longer wait times and billions of dollars in higher costs for all of us**.



UNNECESSARY

- Community health clinics are heavily regulated by the federal and state government with mandatory spending requirements, public audits and reporting of clinic spending.
- Community clinics are all **not-for-profit organizations, led by a board that includes patients**, requiring funds to be spent on patient care and community benefits.



OPPOSED BY PATIENTS, DOCTORS, NURSES, COMMUNITY LEADERS

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| ■ California School Nurses Organization | ■ California Children's Hospital Association |
| ■ Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA | ■ California Behavioral Health Association |
| ■ California Academy of Family Physicians | ■ California Black Health Network |
| ■ American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists District IX | ■ American College of Emergency Physicians, California |
| ■ California Medical Association | ■ California Teachers Association |
| ■ California Primary Care Association | Full list at NoProp44.com |
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