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STOP the ATTACK on Patients & Clinics



Dangerous Ballot Measure Threatens Care for Millions of Working Families & Jeopardizes Union Jobs

A broad coalition of patients, healthcare workers, civil justice advocates, labor unions and community leaders oppose Prop 44, a dangerous statewide ballot proposition that threatens millions of California patients who rely on community health centers and clinics for their healthcare and jeopardizes thousands of good-paying union jobs.



A DANGEROUS ATTACK ON PATIENTS AND HEALTHCARE WORKERS

- 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.
- 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 millions of patients every year are at significant risk of being forced to cut back on services or even shut down**, putting access to care at risk and healthcare workers and the essential workforce that keeps clinics operating at risk.



EXCLUSIONS THREATEN TO CUT VITAL PATIENT SERVICES & UNION CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

- This poorly written measure excludes funding for important patient care and staff services. As a result, **excluded services are at risk of being cut including nurse and physician managers, translation and transportation services, health care enrollment navigators, community outreach and education, and more**.
- This measure **excludes funding to renovate and build new clinics**, preventing clinics from expanding access to care in communities most in need and **jeopardizing clinic construction projects and potential union labor jobs**.



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, resulting in more ambulance transports and emergency room visits, worsening overcrowding and wait times for all patients—placing additional strain on first responders and an already overburdened healthcare system.



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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| ■ 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 |
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on Vulnerable Patients & Healthcare Workers**

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