

Checklist for Community Health

PROTECT MEDICAID

- Oppose Medicaid Expansion Repeal.** One in three Californians is now on Medicaid; fully 40 percent of LA County residents now rely on Medi-Cal. Rolling back the Medicaid expansion pushes costs from the federal government to the states, forcing them to make difficult decisions about restricting coverage or limiting scope of services.
- Oppose Creation of Medicaid Block Grant or Per Capita Allotment.** Reduced federal funding for Medicaid under a block grant or a per-capita cap structure would necessitate very difficult decisions by California's elected leaders about who deserves care, the comprehensiveness of that care, and who will be left out.

DEFEND WOMEN'S HEALTH

- Support Coverage of Essential Health Benefits.** Protect women's health by ensuring that both Medicaid and private health plans provide coverage for essential preventive, maternity and reproductive health care services.
- Oppose Cuts to Title X.** In California, Title X provides nearly one million women, men and teens with sexual and reproductive health care each year including preventive health services and cancer screenings.
- Oppose attacks on Planned Parenthood.** Planned Parenthood plays a vital role in the health care safety net, serving 180,000 LA residents each year, comprising over 10% of our local safety net. Any attack on Planned Parenthood's sustainability threatens to destabilize our entire safety net.

SECURE HEALTH CENTER FUNDING

- Sign onto the Bilirakis-Green Health Centers Letter Appropriation Letter.** Signal your strong support for continued funding for the Health Centers Program by signing onto the annual bipartisan **Health Center Funding Dear Colleague Letter**, led by Representatives Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) and Gene Green (D-TX) in the House. To sign on to the letter, please contact Shayne Woods with Rep. Gus Bilirakis's office at shayne.woods@mail.house.gov or Sergio Espinosa with Rep. Gene Green's office at sergio.espinosa@mail.house.gov.
- Act to Prevent Funding Cliff.** Without action by Congress, funding for Community Health Centers expires at the end of September 2017. Health centers will face an estimated 70 percent reduction to their federal 330 grant funding.

INVEST IN HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

- Support Investment in Primary Care Workforce.** California will need an estimated 8,243 additional primary care physicians by 2030, a 32% increase compared to its current workforce. Continue investment in Teaching Health Centers Graduate Medical Education (THCGME) Program, and the National Health Service Corps (NHSC), which face funding expiration in September 2017.