

Proposed Budget Cuts - Impacts to Health Services

Legislative District Analysis - AD 52
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The governor's proposed cuts will have devastating consequences in communities across Los Angeles County. This factsheet looks at the impact of the cuts to families in the 52nd District:¹

The governor has proposed increasing reporting requirements for children and adults enrolled in Medi-Cal to four times per year. Not only will thousands lose health coverage, but the move would also create future costs to reenroll children that will outweigh any short-term savings:²

- **In the 52nd District, over 5,600 children will lose Medi-Cal coverage next year if these reporting requirements are enacted.**

California already pays providers some of the lowest Medicaid rates in the country; an additional 10% cut could cause even more doctors to abandon the program, further limiting patient access to care:

- **In the 52nd District over 195,000 Medi-Cal patients would be impacted.**

The proposed cuts to these programs would deal a huge blow to local communities already in the midst of a severe economic downturn:

- **In the 52nd District, the local economy will lose over \$40 million in revenue from the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs - funding that supports vital patient services and quality jobs through hospitals, community clinics and other health care providers.**

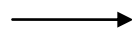
NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO LOCAL HEALTH PROVIDERS

Several local hospitals, health centers, and community clinics in the 52nd District will be heavily impacted by the proposed budget cuts including:

- Baart Community Health Center
- Compton Central Health Clinic
- Dollarhide HC
- Hubert Humphrey CHC
- MLK MACC
- Northeast Community Clinic
- Planned Parenthood Los Angeles
- Promise Hospital of East Los Angeles - Suburban Medical Center
- South Central Family Health Center
- St. John's Well Child & Family Center
- The Children's Clinic, Serving Children & Their Families
- Watts Healthcare Corporation

ADOPTED & PROPOSED CUTS FOR PROVIDERS:

- 10% Medi-Cal provider and managed care rate cuts
- 10% cut to Safety Net Care Pool Payments
- 15% EAPC clinic program cuts
- 10% Family PACT cut for clinics



NET IMPACT:

- Less access to care for local families
- More strain on the ER system
- Possible staff layoffs
- Less prevention and more costly treatment through ERs

¹ California Budget Project, "Impact of Proposed Budget Cuts by Legislative District," April 11, 2008.

² Gerry Fairbrother and Joseph Schuchter, "Stability and Churning in Medi-Cal and Healthy Families," March 2008.