

## Proposed Budget Cuts - Impacts to Health Services

Legislative District Analysis - AD 44  
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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 44<sup>th</sup> District:<sup>1</sup>

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:<sup>2</sup>

- **In the 44<sup>th</sup> District, over 1,400 children will lose Medi-Cal coverage next year if these reporting requirements are enacted.**

The governor has proposed rolling back eligibility for low-income parents applying for Medi-Cal coverage. Under the proposal, a family of three earning above \$10,736 a year would now be ineligible for Medi-Cal coverage.

- **In the 44<sup>th</sup> District over 4,000 parents would be denied coverage when the proposal is fully implemented.**

Revenue from Medi-Cal and Healthy families helps pay the salaries of thousands of local workers who make up the backbone of our local economies. 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 44<sup>th</sup> District, the local economy will lose over \$13 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 44<sup>th</sup> District will be heavily impacted by the proposed budget cuts including:

- City of Hope
- Community Health Alliance of Pasadena
- Huntington Memorial Hospital
- Methodist Hospital of Southern CA
- QueensCare Family Clinics
- URDC/Bill Moore Community Health Clinic
- Verdugo Hills Hospital

#### ADOPTED & PROPOSED CUTS FOR PROVIDERS:

- 10% Medi-Cal provider and managed care rate cuts
- 10% cut to Safety Net Care Pool Payments



#### NET IMPACT:

- Less access to care for local families
- More strain on the ER system
- Possible staff layoffs

<sup>1</sup> California Budget Project, "Impact of Proposed Budget Cuts by Legislative District," April 11, 2008 and May 20, 2008.

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