

Proposed Budget Cuts - Impacts to Health Services
Legislative District Analysis – Senator Alex Padilla (SD 20)

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.¹

- **In the 20th District, over 5,700 children will lose Medi-Cal coverage next year if these reporting requirements are enacted.**²

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 20th District over 196,000 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 20th District, the local economy will lose over \$41 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 20th District will be heavily impacted by the proposed budget cuts including:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaiser Permanente Panorama City • UCLA Medical Center • Mission Community Hospital • Olive View Medical Center • San Fernando Health Center • Mid-Valley CHC • Vaughn School BC (School-based HC) • El Proyecto del Barrio – Arleta • El Proyecto del Barrio – Canoga Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northridge Hospital MC • Providence Holy Cross MC • Valley Presbyterian Hospital • NE Valley HC—Canoga Park • NE Valley HC—Pacoima • NE Valley HC—San Fernando • Mission City CN – North Hills • Mission City CN – Pacoima • Mission City CN – Reseda • Tarzana Treatment Center-W. Valley |
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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 Gerry Fairbrother and Joseph Schuchter, “Stability and Churning in Medi-Cal and Healthy Families,” March 2008.

² California Budget Project, “Impact of Proposed Budget Cuts by Legislative District,” April 11, 2008.