

**Proposed Budget Cuts - Impacts to Health Services**

**Legislative District Analysis - SD 23**

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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 23<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 23<sup>rd</sup> District, nearly 1,800 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 23<sup>rd</sup> District over 4,900 parents would be denied coverage when the proposal is fully implemented.**

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 23<sup>rd</sup> District, the local economy will lose over \$17 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 23<sup>rd</sup> District will be heavily impacted by the proposed budget cuts including:

- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Encino - Tarzana Regional Medical Center
- Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills
- MPTF Corp/Motion Picture and Television Fund Hospital
- Saint John's Health Center
- Planned Parenthood Los Angeles
- Saban Free Clinic (formerly LA Free Clinic)
- St. John's Regional Medical Center
- Univ. of California - UCLA Med. Center
- VA Greater L.A. Healthcare System
- West Hills Hospital & Medical Center
- Tarzana Treatment Center
- Venice Family Clinic
- Westside Family Health Center
- St. John's Well Child & Family Center

**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.