

Proposed Budget Cuts - Impacts to Health Services
Legislative District Analysis - Senator Gloria Romero (SD 24)

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 24th District, nearly 6,400 children will lose Medi-Cal coverage next year if these reporting requirements are enacted.**²

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 24th District over 17,400 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:

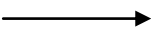
- **In the 24th District, the local economy will lose nearly \$49 million in revenue from the Medi-Cal and Healthy Families programs - funding that supports vital patient services and quality jobs through hospitals, community clinics and other health care providers.**

NEGATIVE IMPACTS TO LOCAL HEALTH PROVIDERS:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LAC + USC Medical Center • Edward R. Roybal CHC • BHC Alhambra Hospital • Citrus Valley MC – Inter-Community and Queen of the Valley Campus • City of Hope • Altamed HSC – El Monte • Altamed HSC – ELA • Arroyo VFHF – El Sereno • Arroyo VFHF – Mobile II • Baart Comm. HC – La Puente • Bienvenidos Children’s Center • Queenscare FC – Sunol | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El Monte CHC • La Puente HC • Garfield Medical Center • Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park • Kenneth Norris, Jr. Cancer Hospital • Los Angeles County - USC Medical Center • Monterey Park Hospital • USC University Hospital • El Dorado CSC – Tavarua HLTH SVCS • El Proyecto Del Barrio – Azusa • Garfield Health Center – Monterey Park • Clinica Romero – Northeast HC • East Valley CHC – West Covina • The Church of our Saviour—El Monte • St. John’s Well CFC – Lincoln Heights |
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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



NET IMPACT:

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

¹ Gerry Fairbrother and Joseph Schuchter, “Stability and Churning in Medi-Cal and Healthy Families,” March 2008 and May 20, 2008.
² California Budget Project, “Impact of Proposed Budget Cuts by Legislative District,” April 11, 2008