

## Proposed Budget Cuts - Impacts to Health Services

### Legislative District Analysis - SD 17

#### Senator George Runner

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 17<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 17<sup>th</sup> District, over 5,600 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 17<sup>th</sup> District over 14,500 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 17<sup>th</sup> District, the local economy will lose over \$48 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 17<sup>th</sup> District will be heavily impacted by the proposed budget cuts including:

- Desert Valley Hospital
- Lancaster Community Hospital
- LA County - High Desert Health System
- Littlerock Community Clinic
- Lake Los Angeles PCC
- Samuel Ditrueton Family HC - Lancaster
- Tarzana Treatment Center – Lancaster
- St. Mary Medical Center
- Victor Valley Community Hospital
- High Desert MACC
- Antelope Valley HC
- South Antelope Valley HC
- Visiting Nurse Community Services – Lancaster

#### **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.