

California Hospital Association's Federal Priorities 2025

Extend the **Marketplace Premium Tax Credits** to ensure *1.7 million Californians* can continue to access health insurance and prevent hospitals from shouldering an even greater financial burden.

Ensure essential health care services are available in all communities by safeguarding federal funding for Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and the Health Insurance Marketplaces.

Ensure **Medicaid is fully funded** to allow hospitals to continue to serve the Medicaid, uninsured and marginalized populations in their communities, including through support of the current FMAP rates, the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital program, Upper Payment Limits and Directed Payments, and the financing sources that sustain them. *14.5 million Californians, including 5.5 million children, rely on Medicaid for their coverage*.

Reject additional payment cuts that do not recognize legitimate differences among provider settings (so-called **site-neutral** or facility-fee payment policies).

Protect the **340B Drug Pricing Program** to ensure hospitals can maintain vital patient services and expand access to care. *172 California hospitals* participate in the 340B program to help support their communities.

Bolster support for hospitals and health systems so they **can prepare for and respond to natural and human-caused disruptions**, including natural disasters, cyberattacks and supply chain failures.

Hold **commercial health insurers accountable** for ensuring appropriate patient access to care, including reducing the excessive use of utilization management programs, ensuring adequate provider networks, reducing account receivables, and limiting inappropriate denials for services.

Bolster the **health care workforce** by enacting important protections against violence in health care settings, eliminating federal restrictions that limit the ability of providers to practice at the top of their license, and increasing funding for clinical training programs.

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