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Hospitals Commend Newsom on Push for Expanded Coverage, Affordability

SACRAMENTO (February 12, 2019) — Gov. Gavin Newsom’s State of the State address Tuesday demonstrated his ongoing commitment to the physical and mental well-being of Californians. This is a priority shared by California’s more than 400 hospitals as they work to ensure all Californians have access to the care they need and deserve.

Lowering drug prices will reduce health care costs. Addressing social determinants of health, like homelessness, is not only the right thing to do, but will also hold health care costs down over the long term. Expanding coverage will both improve access to care and keep that care affordable.

But with expanded coverage, it’s essential to ensure hospitals and other providers continue to operate in areas of need. California’s hospitals, including systems, have come together to support at-risk hospitals in underserved communities. This is critical to ensuring access for all of California’s communities.

“We share Governor Newsom’s goals of more affordable health care, broader access to care, and the development of real solutions to societal problems like homelessness,” said Carmela Coyle, President & CEO of the California Hospital Association. “We look forward to working with the governor to develop smart, modern approaches to achieve these goals.”

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