

Patient Care Faces Uncertain Future Due to Hospital Financial Challenges

Without action, Californians will see reduced access to care, longer wait times, farther distances to travel for critical services, and higher costs for working families.



48%

of California hospitals lose money every day delivering care for patients

Medicare and Medi-Cal pay just

75 cents for every dollar

it costs to care for patients



46

statewide maternity services closed since 2012

6 million

women in the U.S. now live in maternity deserts



...the concept of quality maternity care is inextricably linked to the issues of access to maternity care and eliminating maternity care deserts...

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WHAT'S NEEDED >

- Government payers — Medicare and Medi-Cal — must correct systemic reimbursement shortfalls that have put the health care system on the precipice.
- Vital resources from a renewed tax on managed care organizations will help protect access to care, but represent only the first step to address systemic, multi-year shortfalls in government funding.
- The state must address regulatory cost pressures such as a more than \$100 billion seismic mandate to upgrade hospital buildings and must monitor the risk of further hospital closures and service reductions.