
A State and Federal Health Reform Update: A Presentation for OC Health Access & Enrollment Task Force



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Welcome and Introductions

Insure the Uninsured Project

- Nonpartisan, independent 501 (c)(3) organization, founded in 1996
- The mission of ITUP is to promote innovative and workable policy solutions that expand health care access and improve the health of Californians
- ITUP implements its mission through policy-focused research and broad-based stakeholder engagement

ITUP Vision – All Californians have the resources they need to preserve and improve health

ITUP seeks a health care system that is:

Universal – All Californians are eligible for comprehensive health coverage and services, including primary and preventive health care services

Accessible – Californians have access to coverage choices and services that are available, timely, and appropriate

Affordable – Coverage and care are affordable for public and private purchasers and for consumers at the point of care

Effective – Health care and related support services are cost-effective, coordinated, and high-quality

Equitable – Californians can expect fair access and treatment regardless of health status, age, income, language, race or ethnicity, gender, immigration status, geographic region, and public or private coverage



Coverage At-A-Glance: Orange County

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Uninsured

- **2017:** 211,000 uninsured
- **2017:** 6.7% uninsured vs. **2009 (Pre-ACA):** 16.1% uninsured

Covered California

- **2018:** Enrollment— 4% (126,640)
- **2019:** Enrollment in dominant plans— Blue Shield (38%) and Health Net (32%)

Medi-Cal

- **2018:** Enrollment— 27.2% (866,039), state average— 33%
- **2018:** Enrollment Models— CalOptima: 85.7% (742,386), Fee-for-Service: 14.3% (123,653)



Update on Health Reform



2019-20 STATE BUDGET

Coverage and affordability

- Full-scope Medi-Cal expansion to undocumented young adults between 19-25
- Medi-Cal extended to seniors with incomes between 124-138 percent Federal Poverty Level (FPL) (\$15,613—\$17,237)
- State individual coverage requirement and penalty
- State financial assistance for Covered California premiums

Update on Health Reform in California



Proposition 56 tobacco revenue funding

- Supplemental provider payments to physicians, dentists — \$2.7 billion
- Value-Based Payments Program providing provider incentives — \$544 million
- Developmental and trauma screenings and provider trainings — \$155 million
- CalHealthCares Physicians and Dentists Loan Repayment Program— \$120 million

Other budget items

- Restoration of Medi-Cal optional benefits for three years— \$98.4 million
 - Includes audiology, optical, podiatry, speech therapy, incontinence creams/washes
- Health enrollment navigator funding for Medi-Cal beneficiaries— \$60 million
- Homelessness and Housing Assistance— \$2.4 billion
- Healthy California for All Commission— Membership increased from 5 to 13

Update on Health Reform in California

Legislation in Process

- SB 66 (Atkins)—Medi-Cal: Federally Qualified Health Centers and Rural Health Clinic Services
- SB 260 (Hurtado)—Automatic Health Care Coverage Enrollment
- AB 744 (Aguiar-Curry)—Telehealth
- AB 1063 (Petrie-Norris)—Waivers
- AB 1309 (Bauer-Kahan)—Enrollment Periods

Questions?



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ITUP 24th Annual Conference

Sheraton Grand, Sacramento, CA



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