

Health Care Reform Proposals Hold Promise for Diverse Communities: *Getting California Ready*

Having Our Say!

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Background

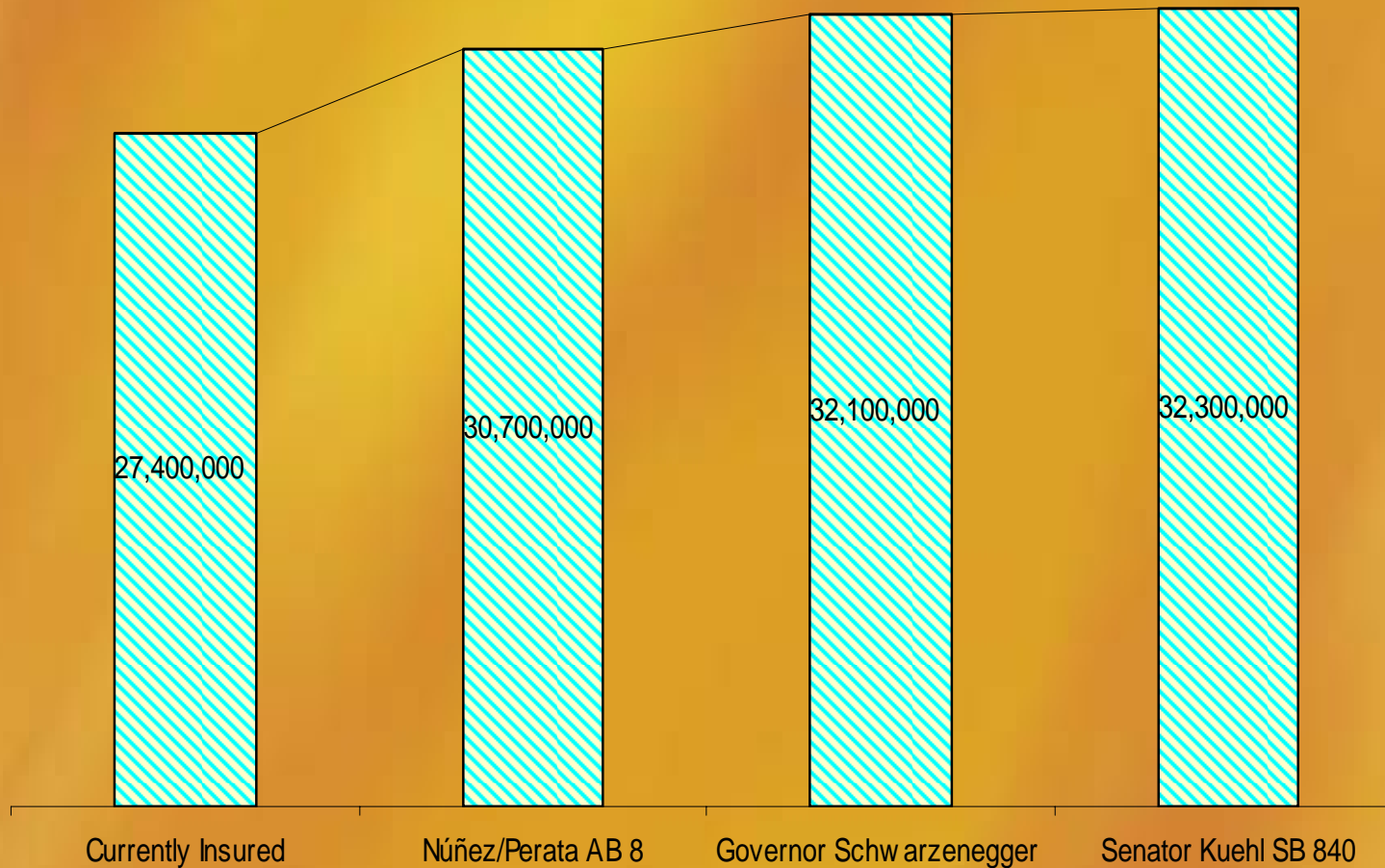
- Health care reform proposals would increase the number of Californians covered by health insurance
- We analyzed the impact of the healthcare reform proposals on the uninsured in general and on communities of color in particular.

Methods/Data

- We used the California Health Interview Survey 2005 from the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research
 - population age 0 to 64.
 - 27.4 million Californians reported having coverage at time of survey
 - 4.9 million reported being uninsured at time of survey
 - Assumptions from Senate Office Research side-by-side comparisons May 2007 updated through June 2007

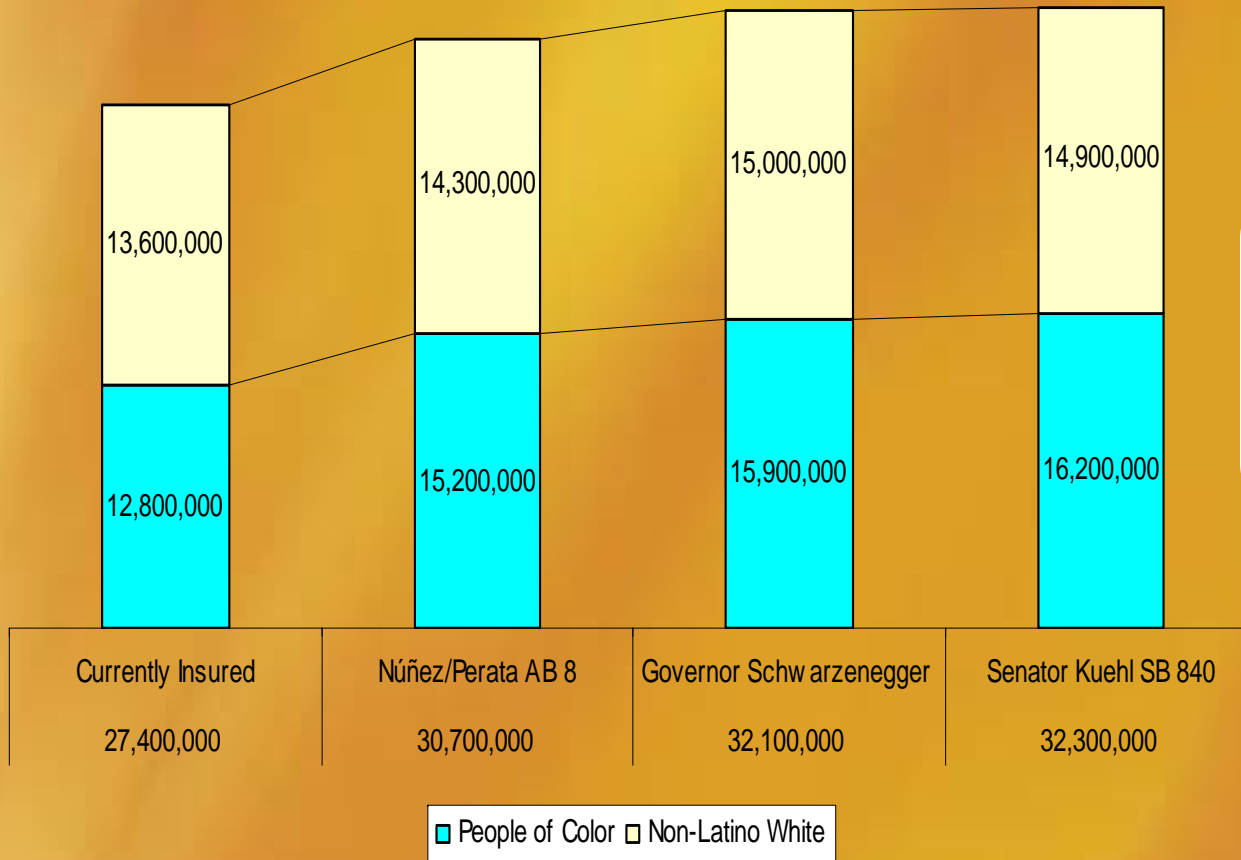
Coverage will increase for all communities

Number of People Covered



7 in 10 of the newly insured are from Communities of Color

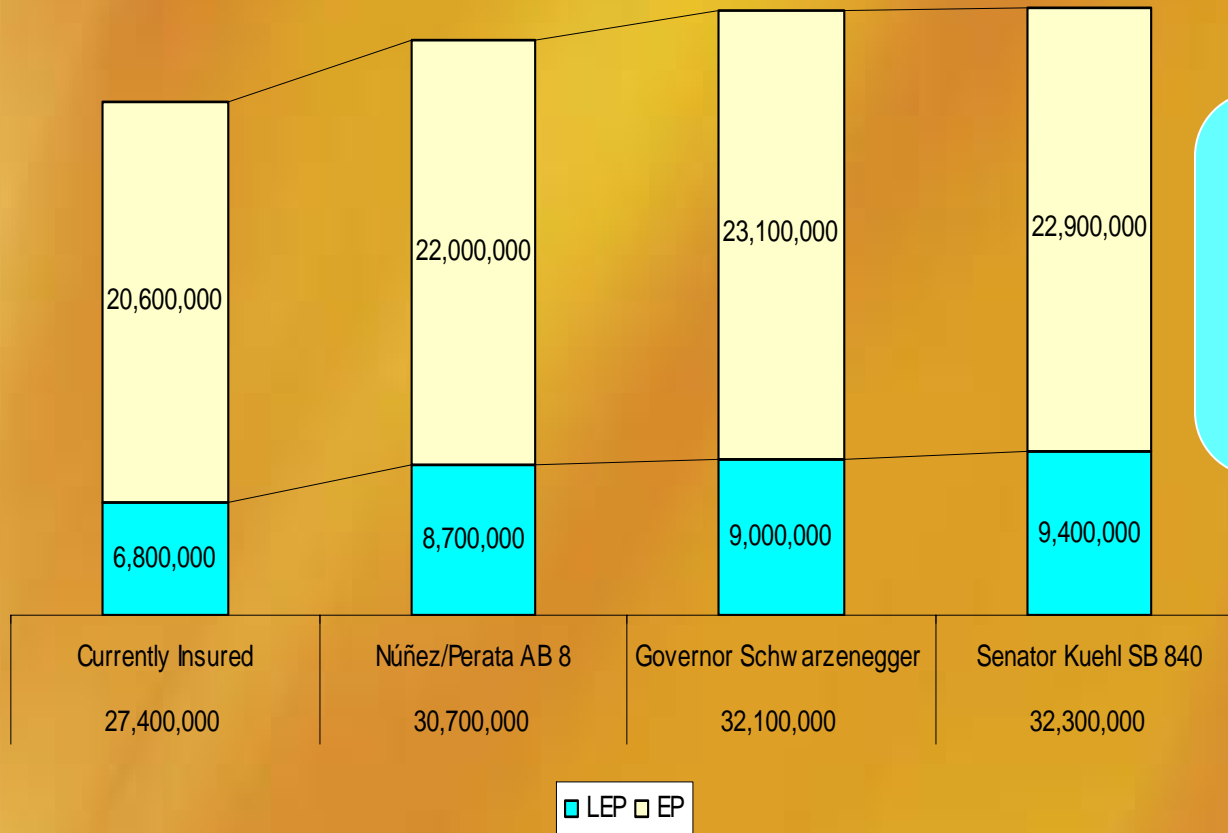
Number of People Covered by Race/Ethnicity



Communities of color will see a significant increase in the number of insured from 2.4 to 3.4 million

Increase of LEPs among the newly insured

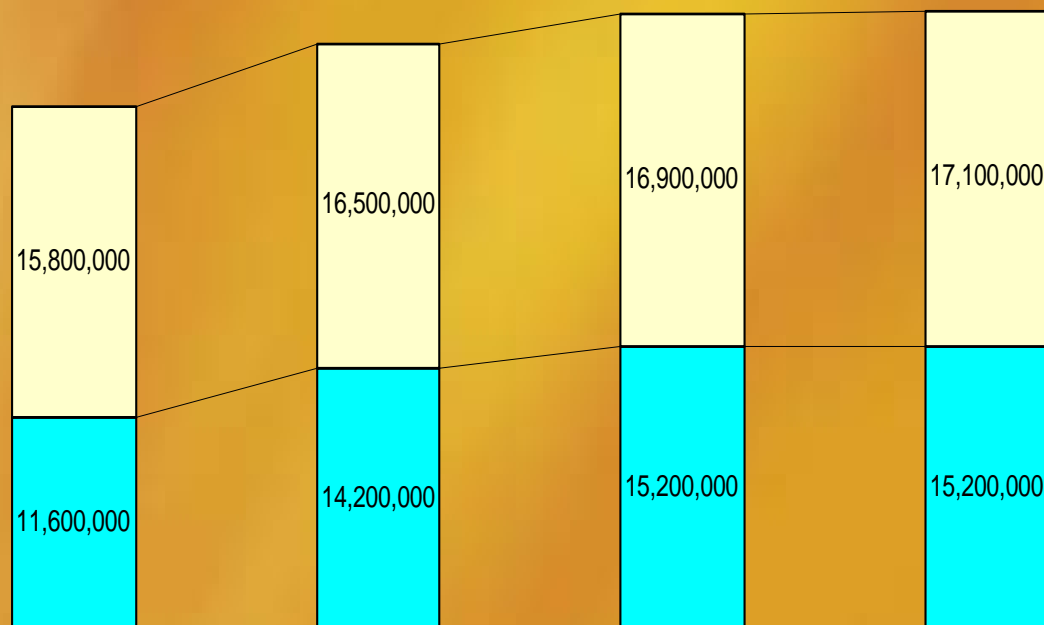
Number of People Covered by English Proficiency



Californians who are limited in English proficiency will increase from 6.8 million by 1.9 to 2.6 million. An increase by 28% to 38%.

Health care reform proposals designed to increase low-income Californians' access to coverage

Number of People Covered by Income



Reform proposals will increase the number of low-income (<300% FPL) people who will be insured by 2.6 to 3.6 million people.

Currently Insured
27,400,000

Núñez/Perata AB 8
30,700,000

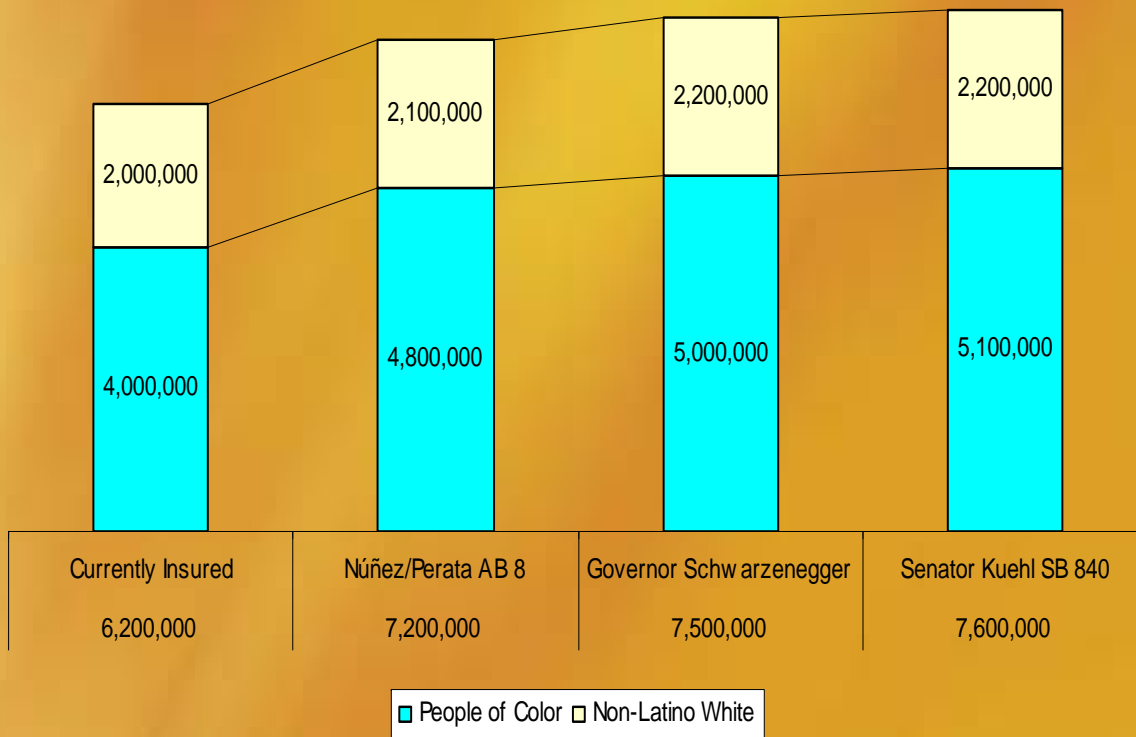
Governor Schwarzenegger
32,100,000

Senator Kuehl SB 840
32,300,000

■ Income <300% FPL □ Income >=300% FPL

7.6 million Californians rely on the safety for their regular source of care

Usual Source of Care is Safety Net



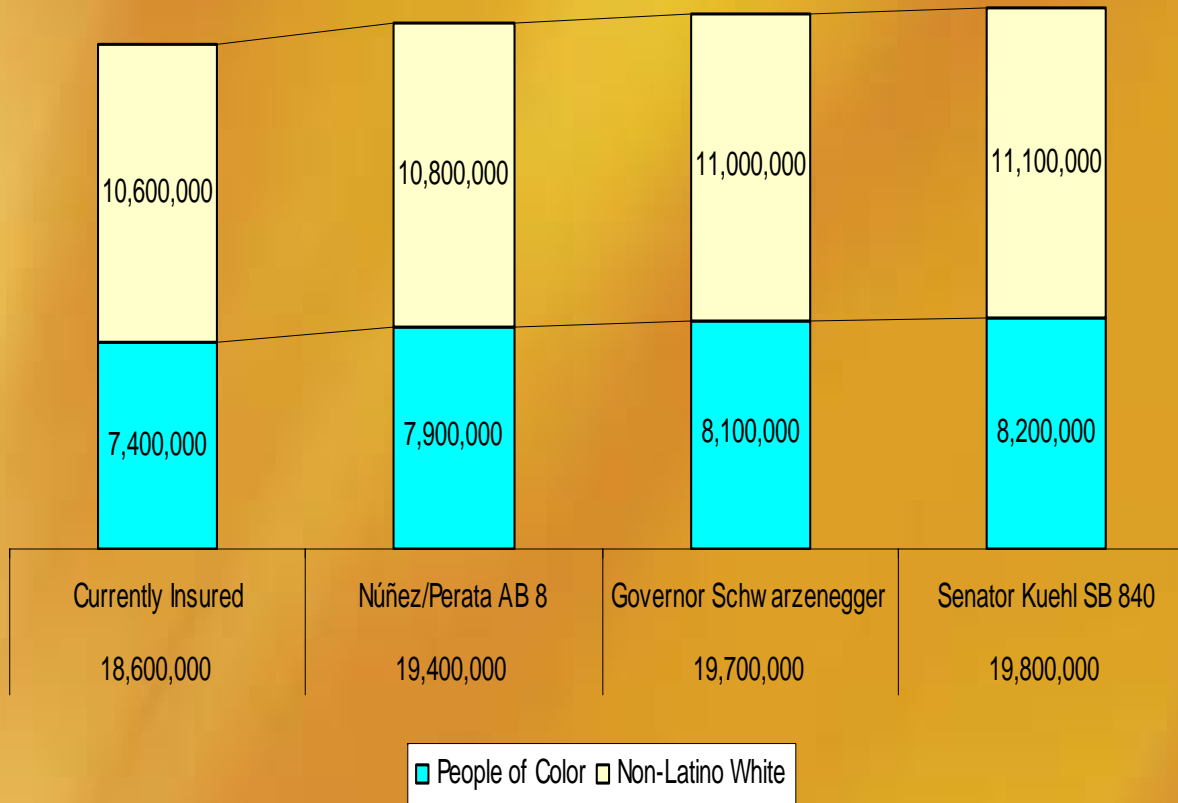
4 million currently insured people of color rely on the safety net.

A total of 5.1 million people of color rely on the safety net.

Community clinics often provide the needed cultural and linguistic services to communities of color to assure access and quality care.

Newly insured communities of color currently see private providers

Usual Source of Care is Private Provider



500,000 to 800,000 people of color who will become newly insured currently see private providers for their regular care. Private providers must be prepared to serve the needs of this newly insured population.

Implications

- Health care reforms:
 - Will benefit everyone
 - Will challenge California's health care workforce and infrastructure on cultural and linguistic services
 - May increase disparities without vigilance and oversight

Recommendations

- **Language access for healthcare consumers**
- **Expand and diversify health care professions**
- **Ensure affordability to healthcare**
- **Preserve the safety net**
- **Data on R/E and language to monitor and improve quality of care for all Californians**

Conclusion

- The insured population will begin to reflect California's diverse demographics.
- This changing composition will require that we lay a foundation for a strong healthcare system to meet the needs of all Californians.
- **But coverage is the first step.**

As Californians, we all need to be supportive of the opportunities for coverage.