

# **NO** ON **PROP 35** GET THE FACTS

*We all want to make the Medi-Cal program better for the children, families and seniors who rely on it for their health care.*

**But the way Prop 35 is written could do more harm than good for communities who count on Medi-cal.**



## **Prop. 35 Puts Billions in California Health Care Funding at Risk**

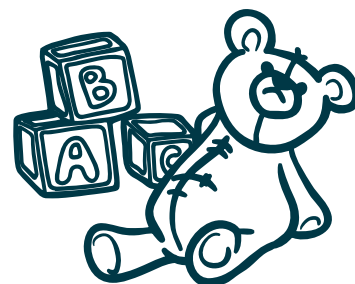
California has made enormous strides to expand access to health care through Medi-Cal, California's Medicaid insurance program for children, families and adults with low incomes. Prop 35's revenue structure will likely not be federally approved in the long term, and Prop 35 leaves lawmakers with limited ability to respond, creating an even greater funding gap for both existing Medi-Cal investments and health care providers.

The state's [Department of Finance](#) says Prop. 35 would cost the state general fund \$12 billion over the next three years. A budget hole of this size would likely force cuts not only to health care but to other critical safety net programs that keep vulnerable Californians healthy, like housing and food support. An analysis from the [California Budget and Policy Center](#) says "such cuts would likely harm Californians with low incomes most" and "raise health equity concerns, as they would disproportionately impact people of color, children, older adults, and people with disabilities."



## **If Prop. 35 Passes, Protections for Children's Health Coverage Loses Funding**

The CA budget funded protections for California children ages 0-5 from losing Medi-Cal coverage at the age when regular check-ups are the most critical for brain development. If Prop 35 passes, that funding is overridden, putting 1.2 million young children at risk of unnecessarily losing their Medi-Cal coverage when they need it most.





## **Prop. 35 Jeopardizes our Seniors' Health**

Prop. 35 passage rolls back funding for community-based services for older adults with conditions that make them at risk of needing institutional care, like dementia and Alzheimer's, and provide respite for their family caregivers. These and other long-term services and supports that stand to be cut under Prop. 35 are sorely needed by many seniors and already severely underfunded; Prop. 35 would exacerbate this situation.



## **Prop. 35 Prioritizes Health Care Funding for Special Interests Over Communities' Health Care Needs**

We all want to make Medi-Cal better, which includes boosting provider participation so everyone can get health care when they need, where they need it. Prop 35 will dedicate some funds to safety net providers who are critical to the delivery system. However, it falls far short of meeting the needs for community health care and instead locks up billions of dollars in funding for special interests.

Community health workers, promotoras, and representatives are critical to a thriving safety net. Passage of Prop 35 would undo a promised rate increase and replace it with a insufficient, capped grant program that would only go into effect if funds are left over after other selected providers receive rate increases.

The top three major donors to Prop 35 include a multi-billion dollar private equity corporation and major private hospital chains. Their interests should not influence the ability of California to support the safety net communities depend upon.





## Prop. 35 Cuts Voters, Taxpayers, and Health Care Consumers Out of Decision-Making

By locking in funding formulas that permanently fund only a select group of monied providers, Prop. 35 takes decision-making away from our elected officials and limits opportunities for health care consumers to advocate for their needs.

Prop. 35 lacks accountability measures to ensure that the dollars are well spent and result in better access to health care. There is no oversight or evaluation to ensure that increased pay to providers results in better health care, and very limited opportunity to make changes in the event that Californians do not experience the desired improvements as a result of this multi-billion dollar investment in providers.



## Prop. 35 is Unnecessary

California's lawmakers can invest in health care for Californians on Medi-Cal without a ballot initiative. In fact, the budget plan they passed in June of this year is a balanced approach to invest billions of dollars in expanding health care access so children, families, seniors and people with disabilities don't have to wait so long to see a health care provider.

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### San Francisco Chronicle

**Endorsement: Prop 35 is a complicated maze of a measure that doesn't belong on the ballot**

"Prop 35 could put the state in an even more precarious financial position than it's already in. Budgeting at this level of complexity and uncertainty shouldn't happen at the ballot box - it should happen through a fair, transparent and public process before the Legislature. Voters should reject Prop 35."

### The San Diego Union-Tribune.

**Endorsement: No on Prop. 35  
It's more about doctors than patients.**

"This is why Proposition 35 is opposed by civic groups that have long fought to preserve the health safety net. They see Proposition 35 as being more about protecting the financial interests of doctors, nurses and hospitals than ensuring needy patients get care going forward.

The San Diego Union-Tribune Editorial board agrees. We urge a 'no' vote on Proposition 35."



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## The Mercury News

### California Medi-Cal measure locks in special-interest funding

“Proposition 35, the Medi-Cal funding measure on the Nov. 5 ballot, presents another example of special-interest, ballot-box budgeting that limits the discretion of lawmakers and reduces flexibility to respond to fiscal crises. Voters should reject it.”

These organizations say  
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### Voter Guides Recommending No on 35

[League of Women Voters of California 2024 Ballot Recommendations](#)  
[Public Health Advocates 2024 Voter Guide](#)

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