

Say "No" to More Medi-Cal Cuts to Immigrants and Seniors

California's budget deficit cannot be solved by continuing cuts to Medi-Cal and health equity programs.

Despite a \$16.5 billion surge in revenues over January projections and \$40 billion in reserves, the Governor's FY 2026-27 May Revise continues devastatingly cruel cuts to health care for our most vulnerable communities.

Continuing to advance these brutal cuts is further evidence that the cuts aren't a matter of math but a matter of values. California must stay true to our values. Communities are healthier when everyone is covered and can access the care they need. **We applaud the Senate's clear rejection of these devastating and fiscally reckless policies and encourage the Assembly to fight for all Californians and reject these budget cuts:**

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Reject the Governor's Proposal to Strip Full-Scope Medi-Cal for Humanitarian Immigrant Populations, with 9-Month Delay to July 1, 2027. The Governor's proposal reverses a decades-long commitment to care for approximately 200,000 lawfully present immigrants including refugees, asylees, victims of abuse and human trafficking.

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Reject the Governor's Proposal to Increase Monthly Premiums for Immigrants, aged 19-59 from \$30 to \$50 a month: Families are already suffering from increased food and gas prices, and Medi-Cal helps families afford other basic necessities. Raising premium costs for California's lowest income families will lead to decreased coverage, poorer health outcomes and increased risk of crushing medical debt.

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Reject Harmful Cuts to Immigrant Eligibility and Benefits in last year's Budget: Undo the discriminatory Medi-Cal enrollment freeze for undocumented which has already resulted in significant coverage losses across California, address harmful and unnecessary work requirements and restore dental for California immigrants.

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Reject the Governor's Proposal to Eliminate the Commission on Behavioral Health's Community Advocacy Program: The \$6.7 million program, enshrined in law, provides small grants to trusted, culturally responsive, community-led organizations that serve populations that too often face the greatest barriers to accessing to behavioral health, including cultural and linguistic barriers and longstanding stigma.

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Reject the Governor's Reinstatement of the Medi-Cal Asset Test Limit for Seniors and People with Disabilities of \$2,000 for an individual and \$3,000 for a couple for older adults and people with disabilities, a plan that will cause 25,000 older adults and people with disabilities to lose Medi-Cal coverage in 2027, and approximately 37,000 in 2028.

Putting life-saving care on the chopping block over and over again while the state sees higher than average revenues reveals a much deeper problem in our state. California has the resources to provide care for those who do our most thankless work and those who've endured unthinkable horrors to keep their families safe. Without sufficient long-term, structural revenue solutions and a commitment to replenish California's Safety-Net Reserve Fund which was fully depleted in the 2024-25 fiscal year, California is making a choice to let our most vulnerable bear the consequences of Washington's cruelty alone.

The Legislature must REJECT Medi-Cal Cuts, Seek New Revenues, and Commit One-Time Dollars to the Safety-Net Reserve Fund to Keep Families Whole!