

CPEHN FY 2026-27 Budget Scorecard

Health Priorities for Our Community

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Policy Issue	Governor's January Budget Proposal	Governor's May Revision	Joint Legislative Budget Agreement	Final Budget Approved by the Governor
Full-Scope Medi-Cal for Humanitarian Immigrant Populations	Strips Full-Scope Medi-Cal for Humanitarian Immigrant Populations, effective Oct. 1, 2026	Eliminates full-scope Medi-Cal, with 9-month delay, effective July 1, 2027	<i>Approves Governor's May Revise with Modification:</i> Includes stated commitment to work to maintain coverage for these populations in 2027 and beyond	<i>Adopts Joint Legislative Agreement:</i> Maintains full-scope Medi-Cal for Humanitarian Immigrants in FY 2026-27, with July 1, 2027 trigger and commitment to work to maintain coverage in 2027 and beyond
Monthly Premiums for Immigrants with UIS, aged 19-59 from \$30 a month, effective July 1, 2027	No change to FY 2025-26 Approved Budget	Increases Monthly Premiums for Immigrants with UIS, aged 19-59 from \$30 to \$50 a month, effective July, 1 2027	<i>Rejects May Revise with Modification:</i> Rejects proposed monthly premium increase and delays implementation of FY 2025-26 premiums	<i>Partially Adopts Joint Legislative Agreement:</i> Implements FY 2025-26 approved \$30 monthly premiums effective July 1, 2027 (no delay). Gives next Governor authority to

			from July 1, 2027 to October 1, 2027; Gives the next Governor authority to decide whether UIS premiums increase from \$30 to as high as \$50 rather than locking in the increase now	decide the level of UIS premiums to be set at \$30 and no greater than \$50 per beneficiary for FY 2027-28
Medi-Cal Asset Test Limit (\$130,000 for an individual /\$195,000 for a couple) for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities, effective January 1, 2026	No change to FY 2025-26 Approved Budget	Reinstates Stricter Medi-Cal Asset Test Limit (\$2,000 individual/\$3,000 for couple) for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities, effective January 1, 2027	<i>Partially Rejects Governor's May Revise Proposal:</i> Rejects reinstatement of stricter asset limit in FY 2026-27; Includes a July 1, 2027 trigger cut, raising asset limit to \$21,000/Individual and \$31,000/Couple with a commitment to work on a higher level in FY 2027-28	<i>Adopts Joint Legislative Agreement:</i> No change to Asset Limits for FY 2026-27; Includes a July 1, 2027 trigger cut, raising asset limit to \$21,000/Individual and \$31,000/Couple with a commitment to work on a higher level in FY 2027-28

UIS – Dental Benefit Elimination	No change to FY 2025-26 Approved Budget	No change to FY 2025-26 Approved Budget	Delays Elimination of Adult Dental Benefit for one year from July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2027 for adults 19 and over, regardless of immigration status	<i>Adopts Joint Legislative Agreement:</i> Delays Elimination of Adult Dental Benefits for one year from July 1, 2026 to July 1, 2027
UIS Populations Covered Under Medi-Cal Managed Care	No Proposal	Transitions Immigrants with UIS from Medi-Cal Managed Care to Fee-for-Service, effective January 1, 2027	<i>Adopts May Revise with Modifications:</i> Approves transition of UIS immigrants from Medi-Cal Managed Care to Fee-For-Service with Modifications: Continues CalAIM benefits (ECM/CS); adds additional safeguards for beneficiaries including, but not limited to, continuity of care; Commits to work with the Administration to consider maintaining managed care for non-emergency services	<i>Adopts Joint Legislative Agreement:</i> Transitions UIS Immigrants from Medi-Cal Managed Care to Fee-For-Service with \$31 million investment in continuity of care and Cal/AIM like benefits; with commitment to work to maintain Medi-Cal Managed Care for non-emergency services

Medi-Cal Acupuncture Benefit	No Proposal	Eliminates Medi-Cal Acupuncture Benefit, effective January 1, 2027	Rejects the Governor's May Revise Proposal	<i>Adopts Joint Legislative Agreement:</i> Maintains Acupuncture Benefit for FY 2026-27
Maintains the Commission for Behavioral Health's Community Advocacy Program	No change to FY 2025-26 Approved Budget	Eliminates the Commission for Behavioral Health Community Advocacy Program	Rejects the Governor's May Revise Proposal	<i>Adopts Joint Legislative Agreement:</i> Maintains the Commission for Behavioral Health's Community Advocacy Program for FY 2026-27
Community Health Workers/Promotoras/es, and Health Representatives (CHWPRs)	Fails to include \$4 million in one-time funds to HCAI for CHW/P/Rs to assist individuals transitioning from Managed Care to Fee-For-Service Medi-Cal	Not included	Not included	<i>Approves New Funding for CHWPRs</i> Allocates \$8 million to DHCS for clinic and CBO navigators to support navigation assistance for transitioning UIS populations, and an additional \$4 million for assistance related to H.R. 1 work requirements. Allocates \$15 million to HCAI to support CHWPR workforce training and expansion;

				extends HCAI program to help immigrant families navigate harmful changes to federal/state laws for one year using other funding sources available to HCAI.
Covered California's State Premium Subsidy Program	No change to FY 2025-26 Approved Budget	Includes an Additional \$110 Million for a total of \$300 Million in Funds to Expand Covered California's State Premium Subsidy Program to Individuals Earning up to 200% FPL	<i>Approves Governor's May Revise Proposal</i>	<i>Adopts May Revise Proposal:</i> Includes an Additional \$110 Million for a total of \$300 Million in Funds to Expand Covered California's State Premium Subsidy Program to Individuals Earning up to 200% FPL
2027 MCO Tax	No proposal included for renewed Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax in 2027.	Renews MCO tax beginning 2027 with component not subject to Proposition 35 to comply with new federal rules; Imposes equal monthly tax rate on Medi-Cal and commercial health	<i>Approves Governor's May Revise Proposal</i>	<i>Adopts May Revise Proposal:</i> Authorizes the Department of Health Care Services to establish and seek federal approval to continue an alternative, federally compliant MCO tax effective January 1, 2027 that imposes equal monthly tax rate on Medi-Cal and commercial

		plans up to \$8.85 per enrollee that generates at least \$2B annually.		health plans up to \$8.85 per enrollee and generates at least \$2B annually.
Employer Responsibility Medi-Cal Fair Share	No proposal included	No proposal included	Requires Department of Finance to provide draft bill options to the Legislature by April 1, 2027 to hold large employers accountable for employees on Medi-Cal.	<i>Adopts Joint Legislative Proposal:</i> Requires Department of Finance to provide draft bill options to the Legislature by April 1, 2027 to hold large employers accountable for employees on Medi-Cal.

Resources:

- **Final Budget Trailer Bills:**
 - [SB 111 / AB 111](#): Budget Bill Jr.: Budget Act of 2026
 - [SB 112 / AB 112](#): Budget Bill Jr. : Budget Acts of 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025
 - [SB 164 / AB 164](#): Health
 - [SB 177 / AB 177](#): Medi-Cal: Fair Share from Big Corporations options bill
 - [SB 180 / AB 180](#): Taxation trailer bill (majority vote key)
- **Governor and Joint Legislative Final Budget Agreement – June 26, 2026:** <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2026/06/26/finalbudget/>
- **Joint Legislature’s Version of the 2026-27 State Budget – June 11, 2026:** <https://speaker.asmdc.org/press-releases/20260611-california-legislative-leaders-announce-responsible-compassionate-budget>

- **Assembly Subcommittee No. 5 State Administration Budget Plan – June 1, 2026:** <https://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/system/files/2026-06/2026-27-assembly-democratic-budget-plan-subcommittee-no-5-on-state-administration.pdf>
- **Assembly Health Subcommittee Budget Plan – June 1, 2026:** <https://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/system/files/2026-06/2026-27-assembly-democratic-budget-plan-subcommittee-no-1-on-health.pdf>
- **Senate Health Subcommittee Budget Plan – May 28, 2026:** https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/system/files/2026-05/sub-3-health_human_services-agenda-may-28.pdf
- **Senate Democrats 2026-27 State Budget Action Plan – May 28, 2026:** https://sbud.senate.ca.gov/system/files/2026-05/may-28-2026-foundation-for-the-future-senate-version-of-the-budget_0.pdf
- **CPEHN's May Revise and Budget Agreement Analyses:** <https://cpehn.org/what-we-do-2/state-budget-update/>