

September 18, 2017



Re: Protect Healthcare for California's Children

Dear Majority Leader McCarthy, Minority Leader Pelosi, Senator Feinstein, Senator Harris, and all members of California's congressional delegation:

As our elected representatives in Washington DC, we strongly urge you to protect health care for California's 5.6 million children who rely on coverage through Medi-Cal, the state's health coverage program financed by Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Specifically, we urge the swift, clean extension of the very successful CHIP for at least five years. The CHIP funding extension should maintain sufficient federal funding to sustain existing CHIP investments; protect Medicaid; and continue related CHIP quality initiatives that help drive improvement in health care delivery for children.

Administered together as Medi-Cal, Medicaid and CHIP have helped ensure an historic 97% of coverage for the state's children, and we must maintain and build on the progress we have made to provide every child a chance to grow up healthy and succeed in life. Medi-Cal coverage ensures that kids in working families can access essential preventive care services like immunizations and developmental screenings, and the variety of pediatric providers and specialists they need to grow and thrive. In California, CHIP funds provide affordable, comprehensive, child appropriate coverage for children up to 266 percent of the federal poverty level (\$65,436 a year for a family of four). Further, it provides an absolutely critical tool in combatting California's child poverty, which is the highest in the nation, while helping stabilize our state budget. In fact, CHIP funds are used to finance coverage for roughly one-quarter of children enrolled in Medi-Cal.

Absent any new funding, California may exhaust all of its currently available CHIP funding by January 2018. However, California state officials must take action with enrollees, contracts, and new obligations well before that point, so it is important that Congress extend CHIP funding well in advance of the September 30, 2017 deadline. Extending funding for at least five years will enable California to better serve children by encouraging innovation rather than contingency planning, and it is fiscally prudent, costing only marginally more than a more destabilizing, shorter term extension. Finally, Medicaid and CHIP are designed to work together, so it is absolutely critical that Medicaid remain strong and stable, without cuts or structural changes.

We appreciate your leadership and efforts to swiftly extend CHIP for at least five years to improve the health and well-being of all California's children.

Sincerely,

211 Alameda County (Eden I & R, Inc.)	Bay Area Tutoring Association & Code Writing Kids	California Immunization Coalition
211 California	Becky Laura's Homecare	California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
211 Contra Costa Crisis Center	Berkeley Media Studies Group	California LGBT Health and Human Services Network
211 Humboldt	Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action	California Mathematics Council
211 Tulare County	Bet Tzedek	California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
3 Strands Global Foundation	Big Bear Chamber of Commerce	California Partnership
50+1 Strategies	Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County	California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
A-Team For Wildlife	BlueSkies for Children	California School-Age Consortium
Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors	Bohbot & Riles, PC	California School-Based Health Alliance
Access California Services	Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County	California State Alliance of YMCA's
Access Dental Services	Boys & Girls Clubs of La Habra	California WIC Association
Acknowledge Alliance	Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley	California Women's Agenda
Act 4 Entertainment	Breastfeed LA	CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates
Active Advisors, Inc.	Brighter Beginnings	Californians for Safety and Justice
Advancement Project California	Brooke Frost & Associates	Canal Alliance
Advokids	Butte County Child Abuse Prevention Council	CASA of Merced County
Aeries Software	Butte-Glenn Community College	CASA of Nevada County
Agile Physical Therapy	California Academy of Family Physicians	CASA of San Bernardino County
Alameda County Community Food Bank	California Alliance for Arts Education	CASA of San Joaquin
Alameda County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)	California Alliance of Caregivers	CASA of San Mateo County
Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson's Office	California Alliance of Child and Family Services	CASA of Santa Barbara County
Alder GSE	California Alternative Payment Program Association (CAPPA)	Catholic Charities- San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo
ALearn	California Association of Health Plans	Center for Autism and Related Disorders
All Saints Church Foster Care Project	California CASA Association	Center for Ecoliteracy
All Stars Helping Kids	California Center for Rural Policy	Center for Youth Wellness
All-Pro Promotions	California Chamber of Commerce	Central California Asian Pacific Women
Altadena Children's Center	California Child Care Coordinators Association	Central California Asthma Collaborative
Alum Rock Counseling Center	California Child Development Administrators Association (CCDAA)	Central California Children's Institute
American Academy of Pediatrics, California	California Childcare Health Program	Central California Family Crisis Center
AMPL Art Consulting	California Children's Hospital Association	Centro La Familia Advocacy Services Inc.
Animal Rescue of Fresno	California Competes: Higher Education for a Strong Economy	Child Abuse Prevention Center
Ann Martin Center	California Coverage & Health Initiatives	Child Abuse Prevention Council of Contra Costa County
Armen Devejian, Architect	California Dental Association	Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento
Armory Center for the Arts	California Family Child Care Network	Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin County
Arther J. Gallagher & Co	California Family Resource Association	Child Action Inc.
Arts Bridging the Gap	California Food Policy Advocates	Child Advocates of Silicon Valley (CASA)
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles	California Forward	Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County
Asian Health Services	California Head Start Association	Child Care Law Center
Autism Deserves Equal Coverage Foundation	California Immigrant Policy Center	
Aviva Family & Children's Services		
BANANAS, Inc.		
Banning Police Activities League		
Bay Area Children's Association		
Bay Area Council		

Child Care Resource Center, Inc.
 Child Development Resources of
 Ventura County, Inc.
 Child Development Resources of
 Ventura County, Inc.
 Child Injury Prevention Network - BA
 Children Now
 Children's Bureau
 Children's Choice Pediatric Dental Care
 Children's Defense Fund-California
 Children's Health Initiative of Santa
 Barbara County
 Children's Network of Solano County
 Children's Regional Integrated Service
 System
 Children's Specialty Care Coalition
 Chinamibia ARTS Education for
 Development
 Citizen Schools California
 City College of San Francisco, Child
 Development & Family Studies Dept.
 City of Pasadena
 City of West Hollywood
 Civicorps
 Clinica Monsenor Oscar A. Romero
 Clinica Sierra Vista
 Coalition for Humane Immigrant
 Rights (CHIRLA)
 Coleman Advocates for Children and
 Youth
 Common Sense Kids Action
 Community Bridges
 Community Clinic Consortium
 Community Coalition
 Community Equity Collaborative
 Community Gatepath
 Community Health Councils
 Community Health Initiative Napa
 County
 Community Health Partnership
 Community Investment Strategies
 Community Link Capital Region
 Community Relations Council of the
 Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley
 Community Social Model Advocates,
 Inc.
 Congregation Beth Am
 Congregations Organizing for
 Prophetic Engagement (COPE)
 Connections for Children
 Consortium for Early Learning Services
 Contra Costa Child Care Council

Converge CRT
 Cope Family Center
 CORA (Community Overcoming
 Relationship Abuse)
 Corona-Norco and Eastvale United
 Way
 Counseling and Support Services for
 Youth
 County of Del Norte, Department of
 Health and Human Services
 County of San Mateo
 County of Santa Clara Probation
 Department
 Courage Campaign
 Courageous Women Association
 Court Appointed Special Advocates of
 Sacramento County
 Covered Community
 Crystal Stairs, Inc.
 Cultural Brokers Inc.
 CuriOdyssey
 Darden Architects Inc.
 Davies & Associates
 Diana Casanova Photography
 Digital Deployment, Inc.
 Diringer and Associates
 Dog Gon' Clean Groomers
 Dunsmuir Community Resource
 Center
 Early Edge California
 Earth Mama Healing Inc
 East Bay Agency for Children
 East Bay Center for the Performing
 Arts
 Edgewood Center for Children and
 Families
 Educare of California at Silicon Valley
 Educate Our State
 Educate78
 Educational Results Partnership
 Edventure More (CAMP EDMO)
 EMC Research
 Empowering Pacific Islander
 Communities (EPIC)
 Ensemble Learning
 Escuela de la Raza Unida
 Esperanza Community Housing
 Every Neighborhood Partnership
 Everychild Foundation
 Extended Child Care Coalition of
 Sonoma County

Families NOW
 Family Paths, Inc
 Family Service Association
 Family Voices of California
 Fingersafe USA
 Firebaugh Las Deltas USD
 FIRM, Inc (Fresno Interdenominational
 Refugee Ministries)
 First 5 Alameda County
 First 5 Association of California
 First 5 Contra Costa
 First 5 Del Norte
 First 5 Fresno County
 First 5 Humboldt
 First 5 LA
 First 5 Lake County
 First 5 Monterey County
 First 5 Placer Children and Families
 Commission
 First 5 San Luis Obispo County
 First 5 San Mateo County
 First 5 Santa Clara County
 First 5 Santa Cruz County
 First 5 Shasta
 First 5 Siskiyou
 First 5 Solano
 First 5 Sonoma County
 First Congregational Church of Palo
 Alto, UCC
 First Place for Youth
 First Star, Inc.
 Fleur de Lis Salon
 Footsteps Child Care, Inc.
 Foster Care Counts
 Fowler Unified School District
 Fremont Family Resource Center
 Fresno Barrios Unidos
 Fresno Council on Child Abuse
 Prevention
 Fresno County Head Start
 Fresno Economic Opportunities
 Commission
 Fresno EOC Early Head Start
 Fresno Healthy Communities Access
 Partners
 Fresno Housing Authority
 Fresno Metro Ministry
 Fresno Street Saints
 Fresno Unified School District
 Friends of the Family

Full Court Press Communications	Innovation Bridge, Inc.	Los Angeles Unified School District
Fundamental	InPlay	Los Angeles Urban League
FUSD Department of Prevention & Intervention	InsideOUT Writers	Lotus Bloom Child & Family Resource Center
Future Partners	Institute for Human and Social Development, Inc.	LP Learning
Futures Without Violence	International Institute of Los Angeles	Lucille Packard Children's Hospital/Stanford Children's Health
Gallagher-Chapman Insurance	Issokson and Associates	Luna Dance Institute
Gatepath	Janet Levine Consulting	Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California
Gender Health Center	Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay	MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latin
Girls Incorporated of Alameda County	Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles	Making Change for Children
Girls to Women	Jumpstart	Marin YMCA
Give for a Smile	Kamali'i Foster Family Agency	MarinKids
GO Public Schools	Khmer Girls in Action	Mary Frazier, RN, MSN, AE-C
Good Seed Community Development Corp.	Kidango, Inc.	Maternal and Child Health Access
Great Beginnings for Black Babies	KidsFirst	Mending Kids
Green Dot Public Schools	Kidworks	Mendocino County Office of Education, State Preschool Consortium
Hamilton Families	Kings Canyon Unified School District	Mental Health and Autism Insurance Project
Hands on Central California	Kings County Family Resource Center	Merced County Child Care Resource and Referral
Harbour Consulting	Korean Community Center of the East Bay	Millbrae Nursery School
Having Our Say	Korean Community Services	MindSpark Custom Learning Solutions
Health Access	Krause Center for Innovation	Mini Pharmacy
Health Connected	La Clinica de la Raza	Mixteco-Indigena Community Organizing Project
Healthier Kids Foundation Santa Clara County	LA Conservation Corps	Moebius Syndrome Foundation
Healthy Cities Tutoring	La Luz Center	MomsRising/ MamásConPoder
Healthy House Within A MATCH Coalition	LA Voice	Monterey County Child Care Planning Council
Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA)	LA's BEST After School Enrichment Program	Morgan Family Foundation
Help a Mother Out	Larkin Street Youth Services	Mossy Thumbs
Hillsides	Lassen Family Services CASA	Mothers' Club Family Learning Center
Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley	Latino Coalition for a Healthy California	Mountain View Chamber of Commerce
Homeboy Industries	Law Offices of Barbara A. Goode	Mountain View/Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Challenge Team
HOMEY (Homies Organizing the Mission to Empower Youth)	League of Women Voters of California	NAACP Pomona Valley
Howard K. Watkins Photography	Learning Genie Inc.	NAACP San Diego Branch
Human Services Association of Los Angeles	LEMONADE Creative Consulting	NAACP- North San Diego County
IJO Consulting	Leonetti/O'Connell Family Foundation	Napa Running Company
Immigration Center for Women and Children	LifeLong Medical Care	National Center for Youth Law
Imperial County Sheriff's Activities League	Lift the Children	National Compadres Network
Inglewood/South Bay NAACP	Lilly's New Orleans Cafe	National Health Law Program
Inland Empire Coverage and Health Initiative (IE-CHI)	Lincoln	National Immigration Law Center
Inland Empire Health Plan	Little Manila Foundation	NICOS Chinese Health Coalition
Inn at Mavericks	LITTLEWORKS	[Nonprofit] Communications
Inner-City Arts	Local Early Education Planning Council (LPC) of Santa Clara County	North Bay Leadership Council
InnerCity Struggle	Long Beach Family Resource Center	
Innovate Public Schools	Los Angeles Education Partnership	
	Los Angeles LGBT Center	

Nuestra Casa de East Palo Alto
 Oak Grove Center
 Optimal Solutions Consulting
 Options for Learning
 Oral Health Awareness Society
 Orange County United Way
 Our Family Coalition
 P.S. Arts
 Pacific Community Solutions, Inc.
 Pacific Islander Health Partnership
 Pacific Oaks Children's School
 Pacoima Beautiful
 PACT: People Acting in Community Together
 Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust
 Para Los Niños
 Parent Leadership Training Institute
 Solano
 Parent Revolution
 Parent Voices CA
 Parent Voices Solano
 Parents Helping Parents of San Luis Obispo
 Partners In Impact
 Partnership for Children and Youth
 PDI Surgery Center
 Peace over Violence
 Peaceful Pets Pet Sitting Services
 Peaceful Playgrounds
 Peninsula Bridge
 Peninsula Family Service
 Pesticide Action Network North America
 Peter and Candis Doerken Foundation
 Physicians for National Health Program - California
 PICO California
 Pine Hill/South Bay USD Healthy Kids Family Resource Center
 PL+US: Paid Leave for the U.S.
 Placer Independent Resource Services
 Planned Parenthood Mar Monte
 Playworks Southern California
 Plumas CASA
 POINTS of ACCESS, LLC
 Positive Discipline Community Resources
 Prevent Blindness Northern California/ See Well to Learn
 Prevent Child Abuse California
 Prevention Institute

PRO Youth and Families
 Project Inform
 Project WeHope
 Promesa Boyle Heights
 Public Health Advocates
 Public Health Foundation Enterprises
 Puente de la Costa Sur
 Quality Matters Monterey County
 RadeckiResearch LLC
 Radio Bilingüe, Inc
 Rady Children's Hospital - San Diego
 Raineth Housing, LP
 Rape Counseling Services of Fresno
 Reach For The Stars
 Reach Out
 Reach Out and Read
 Reading and Beyond
 ReadyNation
 Redwood City 2020
 Redwood City-San Mateo County Chamber of Commerce
 Redwood Community Health Coalition
 Regarding Baby
 Regional Asthma Management and Prevention
 Repurpose
 Resource Development Associates
 Restorative Schools Vision Project
 Richmond Community Foundation
 Richmond Main Street Initiative
 Richmond Police Activities League (PAL)
 Rise Together
 River City Democratic Club West Sacramento
 Rosa Parks K-8 After School Program
 Sablan Law
 Sacramento Children's Museum
 Sacramento Covered
 Sacramento Kings Foundation
 Sacramento LGBT Community Center
 Sacramento Region Community Foundation
 Sacramento Regional Coalition to End Homelessness
 Safe Place for Youth
 Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Saratoga
 SAJE
 Salud Para La Gente

Salvadoran American Leadership & Educational Fund (SALEF)
 San Benito Police Activities League
 San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools
 San Carlos Chamber of Commerce
 San Diego Organizing Project
 San Fernando Community Health Center
 San Fernando Valley (SFV) NAACP
 San Gabriel Valley NAACP
 San Joaquin Delta College
 San Mateo County Economic Development Association (SAMCEDA)
 San Mateo County Office of Education
 Santa Cruz Community Health Centers
 Santa Monica Family YMCA
 SBCC, Thrive LA
 Sententia Vera, LLC
 Shasta Community Health Center
 Sierra Nevada Children's Services
 Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits
 Silicon Valley FACES
 Silicon Valley Leadership Group
 Silicon Valley Regional Data Trust
 Silver Giving Foundation
 SMALLIFY
 Solano Family & Children's Services
 Somos Mayfair
 South Asian Network
 Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC)
 Special Needs Network
 Special You Reading Club - Intergenerational Literacy Enhancement Program
 Square Root Academy
 St. Joseph Center
 St. Mary's Center
 Stanislaus County Office of Education
 StarVista
 State Center Community College District
 Stone Soup Fresno
 Sunnyvale Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce
 SupplyBank.org
 Supportive Services Inc.
 Survivors of Torture, International
 Susanna Cooper Consulting

Teen Success, Inc.
TeenForce
Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center
Tender Greens
The Arc of California
The Basic Fund
The Big Lift
The Carol and James Collins
Foundation
The Children's Movement of Fresno
The Children's Partnership
The Education Trust - West
The Gabriella Foundation
The Greenhouse Center
The HAWK Institute
The Juvenile Judge's Corner
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's
Health
The Philip and Muriel Berman
Foundation
The Rhythmic Arts Project
The Village Method
The Women's Foundation of California
The Yurok Education Committee
Thrive Alliance of Nonprofits, San
Mateo
Tikkun Consulting
Toddle Flexible Preschool
TOT INDUSTRIES
UC Davis Upward Bound
UC Merced Resource Center for
Community Engaged Scholarship
UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital
Oakland
UCSF Womens HIV Program
UnidosUS
United Advocates for Children &
Families (UACF)
United Way of Fresno and Madera
Counties
United Way of San Luis Obispo County
United Way of Stanislaus County
United Way of the Desert
United Way of Tulare County
United Ways of California
UpValley Family Centers
Vaccinate California
Valley Care Community Consortium
Valley Oak Children's Services
Valley Wine Connection
Venice Family Clinic

Venture Leadership Consulting
Vision to Learn
Vista Del Mar Child & Family Services
VIVA Strategy + Communications
Voices for Progress Education Fund
Volunteer Center of Sonoma County
Waking the Village
Walden Family Services
Watts Healthcare Corporation
Wealth Architects
WestCare California, Inc.
WestCoast Children's Clinic
Western Center on Law and Poverty
Women's Empowerment
Woodstock Child Development Center
Words Alive
World of Powerful Youth
WOW Explorations
YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles
YMCA of the East Bay Early Childhood
Impact
Yolo County Children's Alliance
Yolo Oral Health Coalition
Young & Healthy
Young Minds Advocacy Project
Youth Community Service
Youth Leadership Institute
Youth Leadership Institute Fresno
Youth Safety Partners
ZERO TO THREE, Western Office