

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.)
211 California
211 Contra Costa Crisis Center
211 Humboldt
211 Tulare County
3 Strands Global Foundation
50+1 Strategies
A-Team For Wildlife
Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors
Access California Services
Access Dental Services
Acknowledge Alliance
Act 4 Entertainment
Active Advisors, Inc.
Advancement Project California
Advokids
Aeries Software
Agile Physical Therapy
Alameda County Community Food Bank
Alameda County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)
Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson's Office
Alder GSE
ALearn
All Saints Church Foster Care Project
All Stars Helping Kids
All-Pro Promotions
Altadena Children's Center
Alum Rock Counseling Center
American Academy of Pediatrics, California
AMPL Art Consulting
Animal Rescue of Fresno
Ann Martin Center
Armen Devejian, Architect
Armory Center for the Arts
Arther J. Gallagher & Co
Arts Bridging the Gap
Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles
Asian Health Services
Autism Deserves Equal Coverage Foundation
Aviva Family & Children's Services
BANANAS, Inc.
Banning Police Activities League
Bay Area Children's Association
Bay Area Council

Bay Area Tutoring Association & Code Writing Kids
Becky Laura's Homecare
Berkeley Media Studies Group
Berkeley Organizing Congregations for Action
Bet Tzedek
Big Bear Chamber of Commerce
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Santa Cruz County
BlueSkies for Children
Bohbot & Riles, PC
Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County
Boys & Girls Clubs of La Habra
Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley
Breastfeed LA
Brighter Beginnings
Brooke Frost & Associates
Butte County Child Abuse Prevention Council
Butte-Glenn Community College
California Academy of Family Physicians
California Alliance for Arts Education
California Alliance of Caregivers
California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Alternative Payment Program Association (CAPP)
California Association of Health Plans
California CASA Association
California Center for Rural Policy
California Chamber of Commerce
California Child Care Coordinators Association
California Child Development Administrators Association (CCDAA)
California Childcare Health Program
California Children's Hospital Association
California Competes: Higher Education for a Strong Economy
California Coverage & Health Initiatives
California Dental Association
California Family Child Care Network
California Family Resource Association
California Food Policy Advocates
California Forward
California Head Start Association
California Immigrant Policy Center

California Immunization Coalition
California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
California LGBT Health and Human Services Network
California Mathematics Council
California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
California Partnership
California Partnership to End Domestic Violence
California School-Age Consortium
California School-Based Health Alliance
California State Alliance of YMCA's
California WIC Association
California Women's Agenda
CaliforniaHealth+ Advocates
Californians for Safety and Justice
Canal Alliance
CASA of Merced County
CASA of Nevada County
CASA of San Bernardino County
CASA of San Joaquin
CASA of San Mateo County
CASA of Santa Barbara County
Catholic Charities- San Francisco, Marin and San Mateo
Center for Autism and Related Disorders
Center for Ecoliteracy
Center for Youth Wellness
Central California Asian Pacific Women
Central California Asthma Collaborative
Central California Children's Institute
Central California Family Crisis Center
Centro La Familia Advocacy Services Inc.
Child Abuse Prevention Center
Child Abuse Prevention Council of Contra Costa County
Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento
Child Abuse Prevention Council of San Joaquin County
Child Action Inc.
Child Advocates of Silicon Valley (CASA)
Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo County
Child Care Law Center

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
Fundamental
FUSD Department of Prevention & Intervention
Future Partners
Futures Without Violence
Gallagher-Chapman Insurance
Gatepath
Gender Health Center
Girls Incorporated of Alameda County
Girls to Women
Give for a Smile
GO Public Schools
Good Seed Community Development Corp.
Great Beginnings for Black Babies
Green Dot Public Schools
Hamilton Families
Hands on Central California
Harbour Consulting
Having Our Say
Health Access
Health Connected
Healthier Kids Foundation Santa Clara County
Healthy Cities Tutoring
Healthy House Within A MATCH Coalition
Heart of Los Angeles (HOLA)
Help a Mother Out
Hillsides
Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley
Homeboy Industries
HOMEY (Homies Organizing the Mission to Empower Youth)
Howard K. Watkins Photography
Human Services Association of Los Angeles
IJO Consulting
Immigration Center for Women and Children
Imperial County Sheriff's Activities League
Inglewood/South Bay NAACP
Inland Empire Coverage and Health Initiative (IE-CHI)
Inland Empire Health Plan
Inn at Mavericks
Inner-City Arts
InnerCity Struggle
Innovate Public Schools

Innovation Bridge, Inc.
InPlay
InsideOUT Writers
Institute for Human and Social Development, Inc.
International Institute of Los Angeles
Issokson and Associates
Janet Levine Consulting
Jewish Family & Community Services East Bay
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles
Jumpstart
Kamali'i Foster Family Agency
Khmer Girls in Action
Kidango, Inc.
KidsFirst
Kidworks
Kings Canyon Unified School District
Kings County Family Resource Center
Korean Community Center of the East Bay
Korean Community Services
Krause Center for Innovation
La Clinica de la Raza
LA Conservation Corps
La Luz Center
LA Voice
LA's BEST After School Enrichment Program
Larkin Street Youth Services
Lassen Family Services CASA
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
Law Offices of Barbara A. Goode
League of Women Voters of California
Learning Genie Inc.
LEMONADE Creative Consulting
Leonetti/O'Connell Family Foundation
LifeLong Medical Care
Lift the Children
Lilly's New Orleans Cafe
Lincoln
Little Manila Foundation
LITTLEWORKS
Local Early Education Planning Council (LPC) of Santa Clara County
Long Beach Family Resource Center
Los Angeles Education Partnership
Los Angeles LGBT Center

Los Angeles Unified School District
Los Angeles Urban League
Lotus Bloom Child & Family Resource Center
LP Learning
Lucile Packard Children's Hospital/ Stanford Children's Health
Luna Dance Institute
Lutheran Office of Public Policy - California
MACLA/Movimiento de Arte y Cultura Latin
Making Change for Children
Marin YMCA
MarinKids
Mary Frazier, RN, MSN, AE-C
Maternal and Child Health Access
Mending Kids
Mendocino County Office of Education, State Preschool Consortium
Mental Health and Autism Insurance Project
Merced County Child Care Resource and Referral
Millbrae Nursery School
MindSpark Custom Learning Solutions
Mini Pharmacy
Mixteco-Indigena Community Organizing Project
Moebius Syndrome Foundation
MomsRising/ MamásConPoder
Monterey County Child Care Planning Council
Morgan Family Foundation
Mossy Thumbs
Mothers' Club Family Learning Center
Mountain View Chamber of Commerce
Mountain View/Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Challenge Team
NAACP Pomona Valley
NAACP San Diego Branch
NAACP- North San Diego County
Napa Running Company
National Center for Youth Law
National Compadres Network
National Health Law Program
National Immigration Law Center
NICOS Chinese Health Coalition
[Nonprofit] Communications
North Bay Leadership Council

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
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