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Association of California Healthcare Districts Responds to Governor Newsom's 2026-2027 January Budget Proposal

SACRAMENTO, CA – The Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) today issued the following statement in response to Governor Gavin Newsom's release of the 2026–27 State Budget.

California's 77, publicly owned, healthcare districts are on the front lines of caring for the most vulnerable and underserved communities. In the wake of H.R. 1 and some of the most significant cuts to health care and benefits in decades, California's initial budget continues to leave significant uncertainty.

Cathy Martin, ACHD CEO states with that in mind, ***"We urge the Governor and Legislature to spend time understanding the significant changes and challenges that public healthcare delivery systems face. It is imperative that the voices representing the most vulnerable and at-risk providers in the state be consulted and their perspectives considered as solutions to balance the budget are developed. These solutions must ensure that the integrity of the health care system is not eroded to the point of no return."***

As budget negotiations move forward, ACHD stands ready to work with policymakers to safeguard access to care and ensure that healthcare districts can continue to deliver high-quality, accessible services in every community.

About ACHD:

The Association of California Healthcare Districts represents California's 77 public healthcare districts, advocating for policies that ensure access to quality care for all residents. ACHD works with numerous state and local entities to promote the profound role healthcare districts play in responding to the specialized health needs of tens of millions of Californians while also having direct accountability to the communities that Districts serve.

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