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Health4All



May 14, 2024

Covered California Board
1601 Exposition Boulevard
Sacramento, CA 95815

Re: Health4All Covered California Expansion and "Mirror" Marketplace Development

Dear Covered California Board:

We, the 95 undersigned organizations, as members of the Health4All coalition are writing to urge the Covered California Board to work with advocates and the Legislature to prioritize and establish a "mirror" marketplace that will open up Covered California to all Californians, regardless of immigration status.

The Covered California "mirror" marketplace would offer health plans to undocumented individuals who are excluded by federal law from shopping for coverage on Covered California. Colorado has implemented a mirrored exchange, Colorado Connect, providing proof of concept and allowing 11,000 of their undocumented residents to get coverage.

The UC Berkeley Labor Center estimates that of the 2.57 million uninsured Californians, about 520,000 who are undocumented and earn too much to qualify for Medi-Cal would otherwise be eligible to purchase plans on Covered California if not for their immigration status. Another 110,000 undocumented Californians are insured in the private market, but would be eligible to enroll through Covered California if this barrier were removed¹.

We appreciate the work that California has done so far to expand Medi-Cal coverage to all-income eligible adults, but more remains to be done to move the state towards universal coverage for all. We look forward to continuing to work with Covered California on this critical issue.

For more information or to answer any questions, please email: Diana Douglas at ddouglas@health-access.org or Chloe Steck at csteck@caimmigrant.org.

¹ Miranda Dietz, Laurel Lucia, Srikanth Kadiyala, Tynan Challenor, Annie Rak, Yupeng Chen, Menbere Haile, Dylan H. Roby, and Gerald F. Kominski. "California's Uninsured in 2024: Medi-Cal expands to all low-income adults, but half a million undocumented Californians lack affordable coverage options." UC Berkeley Labor Center and Education UCLA Center for Health Policy Research, March 2023. <https://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/californias-uninsured-in-2024>.

Sincerely,
The Health4All Coalition

ACCE Action
Access Reproductive Justice
Alliance for a Better Community (ABC)
Alliance San Diego
Alzheimer's Los Angeles
APLA Health
Asian Resources Inc.
Asian Americans Advancing Justice
Southern California (AJSOCAL)
Black Alliance for Immigrant Justice (BAJI)
Buen Vecino
California Black Health Network
CPCA Advocates
California Health Professional Student
Alliance (CaHPSA)
California Health Professional Student
Alliance, University of California Berkeley
(CaHPSA Berkeley)
California Physicians Alliance (CaPA)
CAIR CA
California Alliance for Retired Americans
(CARA)
California School-Based Health Alliance
(CSHA)
Centro Binacional para el Desarrollo
Indígena Oaxaqueño (CBDIO)
Community Clinic Association of Los
Angeles County (CCALAC)
California Coverage and Health Initiatives
(CCHI)
Children's Defense Fund
Community Health Association Inland
Southern Region (CHAISR)
Children Now
Community Health Initiative Orange
County (CHIOC)
Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights
(CHIRLA)
Courage California

California Immigrant Youth Justice
Alliance (CIYJA)
Clinica Romero
California Latinas for Reproductive Justice
California Primary Care Association
(CPCA)
California Pan Ethnic Health Network
(CPEHN)
California Rural Legal Assistance
Foundation (CRLAF)
California LGBTQ Health and Human
Services Network
Central Valley Immigrant Integration
Collaborative (CVIIC)
Dolores Huerta Foundation
Essential Access Health
Employee Rights Center (ERC)
Equality California (EQCA)
Friends Committee on Legislation of
California
Global Urban Cultural Community
Graton Day Labor Center
Health Access California
Healthy and Active Before 5
Healthy Contra Costa
Indivisible CA: StateStrong
Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice
(IC4IJ)
Inland Empire Immigrant Youth Collective
(IEIYC)
Initiate Justice
Inland Equity Partnership
Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity
La Clínica de la Raza
Latino Roundtable
Latino Community Foundation
The Los Angeles Trust for Children's
Health
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
(LCHC)

Los Angeles LGBT Center
Maternal and Child Health Access
Mixteco Indígena Community Organizing
Project (MICOP)
Mi Familia Vota
Multi-faith ACTION Coalition
National Association of Social Workers-
California
NextGen California
National Health Law Program (NHeLP)
National Immigrant Law Center
Nourish California
ÓRALE
Orange County Labor Federation
PICO California
Planned Parenthood Affiliates of
California (PPAC)
Plascencia Consulting
Rising Communities
RotaCare Bay Area
San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium

Southeast Asian Resource Action Center
SEIU CA
San Francisco AIDS Foundation
Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education
Network (SIREN)
Small Business Majority
Social Justice Collaborative
The Children's Partnership
The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
TODEC
United Way Orange County
United Ways of California
United for Reproductive & Gender Equity
(URGE)
Venice Family Clinic
Ventures
Vision y Compromiso
Western Center on Law and Poverty
Young Invincible
California Immigrant Policy Center

CC:

The Honorable Caroline Menjivar
The Honorable Dr. Akilah Weber
The Honorable Scott Wiener
The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
The Honorable Dr. Joaquin Arambula
The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo
Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire
Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas