



Stay Well Afford Care Secure Coverage

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A Broken Health Care System

- 6.7 million uninsured
- Stressed emergency rooms
- “The hidden tax”
- Rising health care costs
- Chronic illness; poor health choices
- Medical errors
- Financial strain, bankruptcy

Overall Approach

- **Policy Bill**
- **Financing by Ballot Initiative**

Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act

- Prevention/Health Promotion/Wellness
- Shared Responsibility and Shared Benefit/Coverage for All
- Cost Containment/Affordability

Affordable and Accessible Health Coverage for California

- Requires all Californians to take responsibility for their health coverage (Individual Mandate).
- Guarantees that no Californian will be turned away from buying insurance based on age or medical history (Guaranteed Issue).
- Spreads responsibility across individuals, government, hospitals and employers (Shared Responsibility).
- Makes coverage more affordable for individuals and families through tax credits and subsidies.
- Helps keep hospitals and emergency rooms open by increasing Medi-Cal reimbursement rates.
- Allows individuals to choose their health coverage and keep their current insurance.

Shared Benefit

GOVERNMENT

Healthy, productive & economically
competitive state

EMPLOYERS

Affordable
coverage

Healthy,
productive
workforce

INDIVIDUALS

Access to
affordable coverage
Health care security
Healthier CA

DOCTORS & HOSPITALS

Expanded insured
population
Fair compensation

HEALTH PLANS

Expanded market
Fair compensation

Shared Responsibility

GOVERNMENT

Promote functional health care market
Provide access to affordable coverage
Fairly compensate Medi-Cal providers

EMPLOYERS

Support
employee
access to
affordable
coverage

INDIVIDUALS

Obtain health
coverage

DOCTORS & HOSPITALS

Provide affordable,
quality care
Share cost savings

HEALTH PLANS

Guarantee access to affordable coverage
Pass along savings

Historic Coalition of Support

Republican Governor and Democratic Speaker

2,000+ Meetings:

- Consumers – AARP, Consumers Union, Health Access, CPEHN
- Business – Small, Medium, Big
- Labor – SEIU, AFSCME, Carpenters
- Providers – Hospitals, Doctor Groups, Nursing Groups
- Insurers – Kaiser, Blue Shield, Health Net

Legislative Action

- Assembly – Passed December 17, 2007
- Senate Health Committee – Did not pass January 28, 2008
 - Budget Deficit
 - Financing/Cost of Plan