

CHILDREN'S HEALTH EQUITY POLICY AGENDA 2025



BILLS

Co-sponsored

AB 403

Ortega

Community Health Workers Medi-Cal Benefit

AB 403 requires DHCS to complete an analysis of the Community Health Workers and Promotores benefit, and review the outreach and education strategies developed by Medi-Cal managed care plans, to bring transparency to community health under Medi-Cal.

SB 531

Rubio

Mental Health Education

SB 531 expands mental health education in schools, which reduces stigma, encourages early intervention, and equips students with tools for emotional resilience, improving long-term health and equity in care.

Supported

AB 49

Muratsuchi

Safe Schools

AB 49 protects children from immigration enforcement at schools. It will improve mental health, reduce stress, and foster success, to allow all children to learn without fear.

AB 495

Rodriguez

Family Prepared- ness

AB 495 supports children's mental health and ensures access to care and learning without fear via shielding immigration status in child care settings & family emergency preparedness.

BUDGET

Restore ACEs Aware Funding for Child, Youth & Family Resilience

Restore \$50 million for ACEs Aware to maintain its critical role in connecting clinics, communities, managed care plans, and families to a trauma-informed system of care.

Continuous Medi-Cal Eligibility for Children Ages 0 through 5

Fully fund multi-year continuous Medi-Cal eligibility for children ages 0-5 to prioritize a healthy start for our youngest children and prevent gaps in health coverage.

Thriving Wage Rate Increase for Community Health Workers

Restore the 2025 Community Health Workers rate increase to ensure equitable reimbursement that reflects their value to the health care system.

Permanent Federal Flexibilities for Medi-Cal

Include the permanent extension of Public Health Emergency unwinding flexibilities to ensure low-income Californians keep access to Medi-Cal without gaps in coverage due to administrative hurdles.

Defend and Protect Immigrant Families

Fund immigration legal services and protect Medi-Cal expansion coverage for immigrants who are undocumented. Our state is stronger when everyone is covered.