

Advocating for Change

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A Sneak Peek

Welcome

California Political Climate

State Budget Challenges & Fluctuating Coverage Landscape

Success in 2025

Headwinds for 2026

Opportunities

Start Small, but have a BIG Impact

California Political Climate

60 of 80 Assemblymembers are Democratic

30 of 40 Senators are Democratic

All constitutional officers are Democratic

Newsom geared toward DC & Redistricting effort, Proposition 50

2nd year of the 2-year legislative session begins in January

New Senate leadership and committee chair and memberships ahead

Success in 2025

Medi-Cal Targeted Rate Increases still in effect and includes services provided in Urgent Care settings

Senator Menjivar Tour at Exer - April

Sacramento Meetings - June

AB 1018 (Bauer Kahan) Automated Decision Systems – two year bill

SB 350 (Richardson) Medi-Cal Time & Distance Standards – SIGNED

SB 306 (Becker) Prior Authorization - SIGNED

AB 1041 (Bennett) Provider Credentialing – SIGNED

Headwinds for 2026

State Budget Deficit & Fluctuating Coverage Landscape

Augmented Intelligence Legislation

Antitrust Legislation

Increased scrutiny on investment & consolidation in health care

State Budget Challenges

2025-26 Budget Shortfall	\$12 – 20 Billion
2026-27 Budget Shortfall (anticipated)	\$30+ Billion each year

Revenue receipts slightly above forecasts due to AI investment

Fluctuating Coverage Landscape

State budget included eligibility provisions to close the budget shortfall

Jan 2026, new full-scope Medi-Cal UIS (ages 19 and older) will be frozen

Jul 2027, Medi-Cal UIS (ages 19-59) will pay a \$30 monthly premium

HR 1 Impact - As many as 3.4mil Californians will lose coverage, and \$30bil loss in federal funding each year to CA

Expiration of federal financial support of CovCA subsidies

as many as 600,000 enrollees could become uninsured

What does all this mean?

Opportunities

Newer Legislators, Leadership and Upcoming Administration

California Budget Leaders Looking for Solutions in Health Care

Education About the Critical Role of Urgent Cares

Start Small, Big Impact

Establish a relationship with your elected officials

Assemblymember

Senator

Extra credit – local county supervisors

Host a tour

1-2 hours of time

Thank You!

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