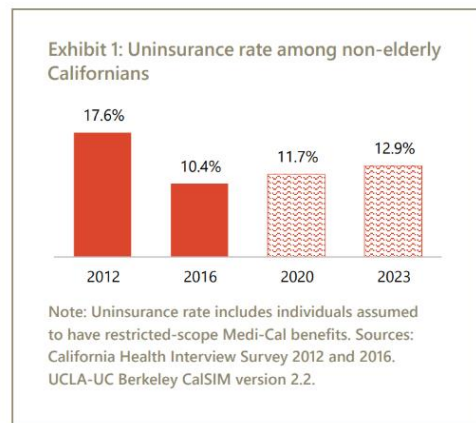


Restoring Funds for Navigators to Assist with Medi-Cal Outreach and Enrollment:

Since implementation of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), California's uninsured rate dropped dramatically, from approximately 17.6 percent to approximately 7.2 percent of individuals. Now, for the first time in years, **California is seeing a substantial decline in enrollment in health care coverage** both in Medi-Cal and Covered California. This can be attributed to a number of compounding reasons, such as fear of immigration consequences generated by the federal administration, unaffordable premium costs, and the end of the individual mandate penalty. The UC Berkeley Labor Center projects that the uninsured rate could grow to 11.7 percent in 2020, or approximately 4.02 million people, and to 12.9 percent in 2023, or 4.4 million people.



Well worth the upfront cost. Understanding how to obtain and maintain insurance is a daunting process for many and support from enrollment assisters and navigators is essential. The community-based model for healthcare navigation reaches populations in dire need of health care and with the least resources to navigate our complicated system. Studies repeatedly demonstrate that the uninsured are less likely than those with insurance to receive preventive care and services for major health conditions and chronic diseases like asthma, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, and cancers. When a person gets sick they can no longer avoid trips to the doctor or hospital and routine health issues can become costly emergencies.

An efficient and effective investment. During FY 2016-17, in Los Angeles County alone, navigators have helped to enroll 27,000 people and provided health coverage information to over 90,000. Retention rates are in the high 80-90% range among the populations served, compared to 65% in Los Angeles without help from a community organization. "Churning" (moving between health coverage sources or becoming uninsured) costs at least \$180 per person (2005) in avoidable administrative costs when an eligible person loses Medi-Cal. A significant portion of navigator assistance services are directed at resolving access to care issues for people who have already been enrolled.

CPEHN Coalition Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Funding Ask: The California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN), Maternal and Child Health Access, Community Health Councils, and approximately 45 other organizations **request \$15 million General Fund per year for two years (\$30 million General Fund, \$30 million Federal Fund, total funding of \$60 million)** to reinstate and continue outreach, enrollment, retention, and utilization assistance in Medi-Cal. The funds would be allocated in an open and transparent process to counties and community-based organizations as occurred under AB 82 (Committee on Budget, Chapter 23, Statutes of 2013).

Supporters:

California Pan-Ethnic Health Network
Maternal and Child Health Access
Community Health Councils
Western Center on Law & Poverty
Latino Coalition for a Healthy California
Village Connect
SEIU California
Homeless Health Care Los Angeles
Asian Americans Advancing Justice LA
Gender Health Center
The L.A. Trust
Roots Community Health Center
Community Clinic Association of LA
County Mixteco Indigena Community
Organizing Project (MICOP)
Catholic Charities Diocese of Stockton
PALS for Health
National Health Law Program
Inland Empire Immigrant Youth
Collective
Mi Familia Vota
Health Access
California Family Resource Association
California Health Professional Student
Alliance
California Physicians Alliance
Citrus Valley Health Partners
Child and Family Guidance Center
Mid-City CAN
South Asian Network
Clinica Monsenor Oscar A. Romero
Asian Pacific Health Care Venture, Inc.
South East Asian Resource Action
Center

Long Beach Health & Human Services
California Immigrant Policy Center
Access: Women's Health Justice
AFSCME PEOPLE
The Wellness Center
Dignity Health: California Hospital
Medical Center
The Coalition of Orange County
Community Health Centers
Venice Family Clinic
Northeast Valley Health
Corporation
Redwood Community Health
Coalition
Worksite Wellness L.A.
County Welfare Directors Association
Korean Resource Center
National Association of Social Workers
Alameda Health Consortium
Children's Health Access & Medi-
Cal Program - LAUSD
California Health+ Advocates
Jovenes Inc.
Yolo County Children's Alliance
Clinic Consortium of Contra Costa and
Solano Counties
Vision y Compromiso