

The Health4All campaign seeks to remove these exclusions from health care access for all Californians, regardless of immigration status. By ensuring that everyone is able to access the care they need, we move closer to our vision of a health care system that works better by covering as many lives as possible and promoting the well-being of all Californians. When we meet this most basic human need – the ability for all Californians to live healthy, secure lives – we build a more equitable system for all.

After securing coverage for all in Medi-Cal, the next step towards full coverage for all undocumented Californians is the removal of existing barriers to Covered California. **This matters because:**

- It's about **ALL CALIFORNIANS**. Health4All continues to be necessary to get California to universal health coverage - something a majority of Californians want.
- It's about a **STRONGER, MORE RESILIENT HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**. California's health care delivery system is stronger and more stable when everyone is covered and healthy.
- It's about our **COLLECTIVE HEALTH**. While the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated existing inequities, it also made it clear that each person's health is deeply interconnected with that of every other Californian. To continue to recover from this crisis and better prepare ourselves for future public health emergencies, we must recognize our shared humanity and care for each other, especially those with the greatest barriers to accessing our social safety net. Viruses don't discriminate based on immigration status, and our health care system shouldn't either.
- It's about **RACIAL JUSTICE**. A long history of discriminatory policy and hateful political rhetoric has made many immigrants fearful of getting the care they need. Exclusion from accessing vital health care services further perpetuates xenophobia and denies our friends and neighbors their rightful dignity. Our race, ethnicity, and where we are from should not dictate our health and well-being.
- It's about **EQUITY**. Hundreds of thousands of undocumented Californians remain uninsured and are suffering from preventable and treatable conditions. As a result, undocumented and uninsured Californians live sicker, die younger, and are one emergency away from financial ruin. All Californians should have access to the same coverage options, regardless of where they were born.
- It's about **FAMILIES**. Many undocumented immigrants are part of mixed-status families. Allowing a family to access Covered CA together would encourage coverage enrollment for *everyone* in their household at one time.
- It's about **CLOSING COVERAGE GAPS**. Undocumented Californians who have recently gained health coverage through Medi-Cal should be able to maintain coverage, even if a small increase in their income makes them ineligible for Medi-Cal. A majority of undocumented Californians that would benefit from this proposal have household incomes just over the Medi-Cal threshold and currently have no other coverage options.
- It's about **AFFORDABILITY**. The goal of Health4All is that no Californian should have to choose between paying for necessities like housing and food or paying health insurance premiums. State subsidies will be necessary to ensure that all those accessing Covered California are able to afford the coverage.
- It's about **COST-EFFECTIVENESS**. The emergency room is not a substitute for routine medical care. Regular check-ups can help prevent painful, expensive, chronic conditions before they begin. It makes economic sense to invest in preventative services through health coverage.
- It's about **LEADERSHIP**. California led the way in removing barriers to health care access by being the first state to open Medi-Cal to ALL, regardless of age or immigration status. For those whose household income is higher than the Medi-Cal eligibility threshold, California can once again cement its role as a leader in advancing groundbreaking health care solutions for ALL Californians.