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CPCA Statement Regarding Governor Newsom's 2023-24 Budget Proposal

Sacramento – California Primary Care Association's (CPCA) President and CEO, Francisco J. Silva, Esq released the following statement today in response to California's 2023-2024 Budget proposal:

"In a year that California anticipates a \$22.5 billion revenue shortfall, CPCA is pleased that the proposed 2023-24 Budget continues the commitment to expand Medi-Cal eligibility to include all undocumented residents by January 1, 2024. However, equitable access to health care services for the most underserved cannot truly be achieved if the Medi-Cal program and its providers remain underfunded, while also enduring rising costs due to the pandemic and inflation.

The proposed budget includes a tax on managed care organizations. It is vital that any revenue generated from this tax is invested to improve the Medi-Cal program. We look forward to working with the Administration and the Legislature in the coming months on these vital issues."

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About the California Primary Care Association

The California Primary Care Association (CPCA) represents more than 1,300 non-profit community health centers that provide care to more than 7.2 million patients each year. Community health centers (CHCs) are committed to providing comprehensive, high quality health care to everyone who walks through our doors, in a compassionate and culturally sensitive manner. CHCs include federally qualified health centers (FQHC) and FQHC look-a-likes, community clinics, free clinics, rural health clinics, migrant health centers, Indian health service clinics, and family planning clinics. Services include comprehensive primary and preventive care, women's health, dental, mental health, substance use treatment, health education, outreach and enrollment, pharmacy and more.