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CPCA Commends Governor's Investment In Medi-Cal but Wants to See More

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

"CPCA commends the Governor's revised 2023-2024 state budget proposal for continuing to protect primary care programs and prioritizing the state's Managed Care Organization (MCO) tax income for Medi-Cal providers. However, more work needs to be done to augment the immediate investments in Medi-Cal providers to strengthen the Medi-Cal delivery system. One in three Californians are covered by Medi-Cal and this number will increase with the Medi-Cal expansion. Decades of underinvestment in Medi-Cal requires immediate infusion of revenue to significantly broaden access to comprehensive, high-quality care and deliver on the promise of equitable access to care for our most vulnerable patients and communities.

Additionally, CPCA urges the Governor and Legislature to include a one-time budget augmentation of \$60 million, \$30 million General Fund with a \$30 million federal match, to enhance the Medi-Cal health enrollment navigators project to maintain access to care for 15.4 million Californians. Without the additional funding to support Medi-Cal redeterminations, there is an estimated 3 million Californians at risk of losing their benefits. CPCA looks forward to working with the Governor and Legislature to ensure that Medi-Cal – the backbone of the healthcare delivery system – is well resourced so that community health centers can deliver equitable health care."

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About the California Primary Care Association

The California Primary Care Association (CPCA) represents more than 1,276 non-profit community health centers that provide care to more than 7.7 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.