

# CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS:

Everybody deserves an equal opportunity to enjoy good health

## California's Public Health Care Systems are Integrated Systems of Care

- ▶ Public health care systems provide a comprehensive range of health care services, including: primary care, outpatient specialty care, emergency and inpatient services, rehabilitative services and in some instances long-term care.
- ▶ Public health care systems offer life-saving trauma, burn and disaster-response services provided by expert medical staff.

## Public Health Care Systems are Helping Lead California's Effort to Implement Health Care Reform

- ▶ Coverage Expansion: Public health care systems helped California take full advantage of the Medicaid expansion by leading early coverage expansion efforts to enroll more than 650,000 low-income uninsured adults through the Low Income Health Program (LIHP). These systems continue to work diligently to ensure seamless continuity of care as enrollees transition from the LIHP program into Medi-Cal and Covered California.
- ▶ Care Delivery: Public health care systems are also in the midst of a massive pay for performance, quality improvement effort where they are working to make concrete, measurable improvements in quality and efficiency to achieve better patient outcomes through more integrated and coordinated care delivery.

## Public Health Care Systems are Critical to the Success of the ACA

- ▶ Experienced in Serving Low-Income Communities: Public health care systems will tap into their wealth of experience serving low-income communities to engage and deliver high-value, culturally competent care to many of the individuals newly eligible for Medi-Cal and Covered California.
- ▶ Caring for the Remaining Uninsured: Even with full implementation of health reform, 3-4 million Californians will remain uninsured. Serving those who remain uninsured will continue to be part of the core mission of public health care systems.
- ▶ Providing Critical Community Services: Public health care systems will also continue to be major providers of highly specialized life-saving services for their entire communities, such as trauma and burn care. In addition, they play a leading role in training the next generation of doctors and other health care professionals.



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## FACTS ABOUT CALIFORNIA'S PUBLIC HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS

- California's 21 public health care systems include county-owned and operated facilities and University of California medical centers
- Serve more than 2.85 million patients annually
- Provide 40% of all hospital care to the state's uninsured
- Provide 10 million outpatient visits each year
- Run more than  $\frac{2}{3}$  of California's burn centers
- Operate more than half of California's top-level trauma centers
- Operate more than 100 outpatient primary and specialty clinics
- Train 57% of all new doctors in the state
- Are located in 15 counties where more than 80% of the state's population lives



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