
State Budget & Legislative Update

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Status of Latino Health

- Although Latinos represent one-third of the state's population, they account for the majority (54%) of the uninsured.
- The uninsured rate for Latino children between the ages of 0-17 is 38%.
- Latinos high uninsured rate is largely due to the very low rate of affordable health insurance provided by their employers, 43%.
- Less than 5% of the state's physicians are Latino.
- By 2020, a majority of children entering high school, workers entering the workforce and newly-eligible voters will be Latino.

Access to Health Care

- Expanding Coverage to all Children
- Structural Changes to Public Health Programs – Medi-Cal & Office of Bination Border Health
- Lowering Prescription Drug Prices

Health Disparities

- Improving Culturally and Linguistically Competent and Sensitive Services
- Increasing Number of Latinos in Health Care Workforce
- Promoting and Improving the Collection of Race, Ethnicity and Primary Language.

Community Health

- Chronic Disease Prevention
 - Obesity
 - Cervical Cancer
 - HIV/AIDS

Budgetary Issues Impacting Latinos

- Medi-Cal Redesign
- Office of Binational Border Health
- Children's Health Coverage

Legislative Issues Impacting Latinos

- Reducing childhood obesity
 - SB 12 (Escutia)
 - SB 965 (Escutia)
 - UCLA Partnership
- Expanding coverage to children
 - AB 772 (Chan
 - SB 437 (Escutia)
- Latino Health Professionals
 - Senator Ortiz hearings
 - Master Plan

LCHC Membership

- Subscription to quarterly LCHC newsletter
- Legislative and Budget Updates
- Inclusion to the Rapid Response Network
- Technical assistance with questions regarding legislative and budget issues
- Inclusion in a Latino professional's online directory
- Invitations to all LCHC events

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