

Media Statement

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Major Block of California Medi-Cal Providers Support Ballot Measures to Preserve Healthcare Services

LOS ANGELES, CA – Citing the need to preserve state services and guard against drastic spending cuts in essential health programs, the [California Association of Physician Groups](#)’ (CAPG) board of directors recently voted to endorse California’s special election budget measures, formally supporting Propositions, 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E and 1F on the May 19 ballot.

“California’s physician groups provide comprehensive health services to more than 2.5 million of the 6.6 million Medi-Cal patients in the state. The failure of Propositions 1A-1F would jeopardize the care we are committed to provide and will lead to a flood of patients seeking care in already overcrowded emergency rooms and further increases in healthcare costs to state taxpayers,” said Donald Crane, President and CEO of [CAPG](#).

“[CAPG](#) considers the initiative package to be a crucial component of the state’s overall budget plan, providing the framework needed to help preserve state services and guard against drastic spending cuts in Medi-Cal.

“For years now, [CAPG](#)’s physicians and their patients have experienced first-hand the negative impact of a broken Medi-Cal system. California’s perpetual budget woes have led to insufficient reimbursement rates and a lack of providers who are willing to serve Medi-Cal patients. It’s imperative that these ballot measures succeed to restore California’s financial stability and ensure that our most vulnerable citizens have the healthcare they need,” said Crane.

Propositions 1A-1F are the result of California’s bi-partisan budget agreement, approved by Republicans and Democrats in February. The measures are needed to implement the budget deal, which attempts to reduce a \$42 billion deficit.

About CAPG

[The California Association of Physician Groups](#) (CAPG) is a professional organization comprised of over 150 of California’s leading physician groups that employ or contract with approximately 59,000 physicians. More than fifty percent of California’s health care is delivered by physicians employed by or contracted with [CAPG](#) members. [CAPG](#) is committed to improving health care for Californians and supports a progressive and organized system of health care delivery which focuses on coordinated treatment plans and comprehensive coverage, including the most current preventive services and exams. This allows physicians to focus on illness prevention and proactive management to maintain a patient’s optimum level of health. www.capg.org

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