

VOTE NO ON PROP 44: STOP THE ATTACK ON PATIENTS & COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS

Prop 44 is a dangerous, poorly drafted measure that would threaten care for millions of California patients.

Prop 44 imposes deeply flawed and unworkable restrictions that prevent community clinics from providing the care patients need.

Economic and health experts warn Prop 44 will:

- Cut \$1.7 billion from health clinics in the first year alone.
- Cause 88% of all clinics in the state to operate at a loss.
- Force thousands of clinics throughout the state to cut back patient services or shut down entirely.
- Eliminate care for millions of Californians.
- Send more patients to hospital emergency rooms – increasing wait times for all families.

PROP 44 ARBITRARILY RESTRICTS SPENDING ON VITAL PATIENT SERVICES

Prop 44 is so poorly written that it restricts clinics from spending resources on essential staff and services, including nurse managers, physician leaders, translation services, insurance assistance and community education. It even restricts clinics from funding mammogram, X-ray and CT machines, information technology and expanding or upgrading clinics.

PROP 44 DECIMATES THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AND HURTS ALL PATIENTS

Community health clinics provide primary care, prenatal care, urgent care, mental and behavioral health services, telehealth, and dental services. They operate school-based health clinics that care for hundreds of thousands of children.

Community clinics serve 1 in 4 Medi-Cal patients, the uninsured, working families, seniors, veterans, and children. In many rural and medically underserved communities, community health clinics are the only source of care within hundreds of miles.

Prop 44 will make our bad healthcare problems even worse – increasing patient wait times and eliminating the only source of care for many patients.

PROP 44 IS UNNECESSARY. COMMUNITY CLINICS ARE STRICTLY REGULATED.

Community clinics are already heavily regulated by the federal and state governments, with strict funding rules on patient care and essential services, and regular mandatory public audits. All clinics are overseen by patient board members, to ensure care is focused on community needs. And clinics are non-profits legally required to focus resources on patient services and community benefits.

PROP 44 OPPOSED BY PATIENTS, NURSES, DOCTORS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS

"Prop 44 will eliminate the only source of care in many communities. Please vote NO."

- Kim Yu, MD, FAAFP, President, California Academy of Family Physicians

ARGUMENT AGAINST
PROPOSITION 44

"Community clinics are a lifeline for my family and millions across California. Please, protect patients like me. Reject Prop 44."

- Carmen Huertero, Clinic Patient, San Marcos, CA

"Prop 44 threatens women's access to healthcare at a time when it's already under attack. Vote No."

- Jodi Hicks, President & CEO, Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California

"By shutting down clinics, Prop 44 will force millions of patients into already overcrowded emergency rooms – increasing wait times for everyone."

- Susanne J Spano, MD, FACEP, President, American College of Emergency Physicians,
California

"Prop 44 threatens to shut down hundreds of school-based clinics that provide primary care, vaccinations, health screenings and mental health services for tens of thousands of children. Vote NO."

- Katie Nilsson, RN, President, California School Nurses Organization

Prop 44 Opposed By:

- American Academy of Pediatrics, California
- California School Nurses Organization
- California Medical Association

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- California Primary Care Association, representing thousands of community health centers and clinics
- American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists District IX
- Planned Parenthood Affiliates of California
- National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter
- American College of Emergency Physicians, California
- California Academy of Family Physicians

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