

## Happy Anniversary to the Affordable Care Act: What You Can Do to Protect the ACA in CA

March 23rd is the 8th anniversary of the Affordable Care Act. Under the ACA, California slashed its uninsured rate from nearly 20% of the population, or approximately 7 million people, to an all-time low of 6.8%, or 2.5 million people who remain without health coverage. Those gains in coverage were felt most in low-income communities and communities of color. Over 4 million new people have joined Medi-Cal, some of whom have never had health coverage before. Our Medi-Cal program transformed from a program that prioritized some low-income people as more deserving than others to a true safety-net for persons in need.

So how are we celebrating the passage of the Affordable Care Act?

1. We are sponsoring [SB 1108 \(Hernandez\)](#) to ensure that our Medi-Cal expansion is not undone administratively through federal waivers imposing work requirements, lock-out periods, and caps on care or enrollment. Letters of support are needed by Wednesday, 3/28, with a sample letter [here](#).
2. We're working to complete the Medi-Cal expansion by bringing parity to seniors and persons with disabilities who are eligible at lower income levels than other Medi-Cal adults by co-sponsoring [AB 2430 \(Arambula\)](#) with Disability Rights California and Justice in Aging. Letters of support for AB 2430 are needed by Wednesday, 3/28, with a sample [here](#). We're also supporting our partners leading the charge on [Health4All](#) to ensure that all low-income Californians, regardless of age, immigration, or disability status, have access to Medi-Cal.
3. We're co-sponsoring [AB 2275 \(Arambula\)](#) with California Pan Ethnic Health Network to ensure that the health access conversation does not stop with enrollment into a Medi-Cal managed care plan. We are asking the tougher questions on how to improve health outcomes and reduce health disparities. Letters of support are needed by Monday, 4/9, with a sample [here](#).
4. We're joining with our partners in the [Care4All California](#) campaign so that together we can ensure coverage for everyone, make care affordable, bring down costs, improve quality, and stop the Trump sabotage of the Affordable Care Act.

Together with our partners we continue to protect the gains we've made and work to improve the health of low-income Californians.