

What Is The Healthy California Act ?

S.B. 562 ?



When enacted, the Healthy California Act will guarantee that every resident of California will receive comprehensive healthcare services. It's like Medicare for All. Individuals will have free choice of licensed health professionals and services. Covered benefits will include services to keep people healthy—mentally and physically—as well as those services that diagnose and treat diseases. In addition to emergency services, surgeries, and hospital stays, services such as home healthcare, adult day care and hospice are covered. Vision and dental care are also included. The Healthy California Act has been crafted to provide a single high standard of safe, therapeutic care for all California residents in a manner that is financially sustainable:

- Choose any provider. No more surprise bills. No out-of-pocket costs for covered services.
- Long-term care benefits provided under Medi-Cal will continue, and be expanded with an emphasis on community and home-based caregiving.
- Healthy California takes over Medicare Part B coverage, replacing those premiums and co-pays.
- Lower prescription drug costs.
- Regional planning to reduce overlap and duplication of expensive equipment and facilities.
- Provider rates, which replace and improve on Medi-Cal rates, will be negotiated to ensure access, cost control, and high-value services.
- The advances from the Affordable Care Act will be folded into the new system.
- Huge cost-savings from reduced bureaucracy. No more insurance company runaround. No more bill collectors.
- Diverse participants, including ordinary citizens and representatives of labor and business, as well as various health care professionals and health policy experts, will advise and help design the Healthy California program.
- Taxpayers today pay 70% of healthcare expenses. Healthy California will consolidate those current revenue sources, replace insurance company premiums, co-pays and deductibles, and finance a trust fund dedicated exclusively to healthcare services.



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