



L.A. Care
HEALTH PLAN®

Board of Governors
MOTION SUMMARY

Date: July 28, 2022

Motion No. BOG 102.0722

Committee:

Chairperson: Hector De La Torre

Issue:

New Contract Amendment Sole Source RFP/RFQ was conducted

Motion:

L.A. Care Health Plan Board of Governors Resolution
Supporting Abortion Rights

Whereas, Local Initiative Health Authority for Los Angeles County, operating and doing business as L.A. Care Health Plan (“L.A. Care”), the nation’s largest publicly operated health plan, is committed to advancing health equity, ensuring everyone has a fair and just opportunity to be as healthy as possible;

Whereas, all reproductive rights are human rights; and access to essential healthcare includes access to abortion services and contraception;

Whereas, globally, there are an estimated 25 million unsafe abortions each year, resulting in injury and/or death;

Whereas, L.A. Care is deeply disturbed by the recent Supreme Court decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, which for nearly 50 years, guaranteed the right to an abortion in the United States;

Whereas, L.A. Care recognizes the ruling is expected to lead to restricted access or a ban on abortions in nearly half of all states; and

Whereas, L.A. Care recognizes that California will continue to protect the right to choose and will offer help to people from other states.

Now, Therefore, the Board of Governors of L.A. Care resolves as follows:

1. L.A. Care will strongly advocate through its representatives for the United States Congress to move swiftly to codify *Roe v. Wade*, protecting the right to contraception and abortion in the United States.
2. L.A. Care seeks to retain, uphold and expand California’s tradition of protecting statewide access to abortion services and contraception.