L.A. Care Health Plan Board of Governors Resolution
Calling for Gun Safety Legislation

Whereas, L.A. Care Health Plan, 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, gun violence is a major public health crisis throughout the U.S. and must be addressed through a comprehensive public health approach;

Whereas, gun violence is the leading cause of premature death in the U.S.;

Whereas, this year, as of June 2, 2022, there have been 233 mass shootings in the U.S.;

Whereas, L.A. Care is horrified at the wanton loss of life in Buffalo, NY, Laguna Woods, CA, Uvalde, TX, Tulsa, OK, and so many other cities;

Whereas, L.A. Care recognizes a comprehensive public health approach to gun violence must include gun safety legislation and access to mental health services;

Whereas, L.A. Care is committed to promoting mental health as a critical part of overall wellness, and recognizes more equitable resources are needed;

Whereas, L.A. Care supports the recruitment of new psychiatrists into the Los Angeles County safety net through its Elevating the Safety Net initiative;

Be it Resolved, that L.A. Care will strongly advocate for more effective state and federal gun safety legislation, to protect the lives of Californians and all Americans by:

1. Supporting a ban on the sale of military-style assault weapons and high capacity magazines;
2. Supporting background checks on all gun buyers; and,
3. Supporting additional funding and efforts to address mental health.

We do hereby rededicate our efforts to create a more just and healthy America.
STATE BUDGET UPDATE

On May 13th, Governor Gavin Newsom released a $300.7 billion budget proposal for the 2022-23 fiscal year. Known as the “May Revise” – it contains updated spending/revenue estimates and updated priorities to the proposed state budget that the Governor released in January 2022.

The Legislature will have until June 15th to pass the main budget bill. The spending plan is generally spread out across multiple bills, including “trailer bills” which contain many budget provisions and details. There is no deadline for the budget trailer bills. So this adds a level of complexity and uncertainty to the budget process. The Governor must take action by June 30. Once the budget is signed by the Governor, it goes into effect on July 1. The budget year runs from July 1 through June 30.

Highlights of the May Revise impacting L.A. Care Members:

Inflation Relief Plan
The May Revise includes $18.1 million spending package to help Californians with rising inflation. The centerpiece of the proposal is the $11.5 billion in tax refunds. This includes sending $400 checks to every eligible registered vehicle owner, capped at two checks per person. The package also includes:

- $2.7 billion for emergency rental assistance
- $1.4 billion to help pay utility bills
- $933 million for hospital and nursing home staff
- $750 million for free public transit
- $304 million to make health coverage more affordable for families
- $439 million to pause the diesel sales tax
- $157 million to waive child care fees for low-income families

The proposal also expects that state’s minimum wage to increase to $15.50 per hour effective January 1, 2023.

 Medi-Cal
 Caseload Estimates
The May Revise assumes that Medi-Cal caseload will peak at 14.46 million residents in 2022-23, which represents a 0.6 percent increase.
Expansion of Coverage
The May Revise maintains the Governor’s January proposal to expand Medi-Cal eligibility to undocumented immigrants ages 26 to 49, the last group of income-eligible undocumented immigrants in California who are excluded from comprehensive Medi-Cal coverage. The implementation would occur no sooner than January 1, 2024.

Elimination of Medi-Cal Premiums
Effective July 1, 2022, the budget proposes to eliminate Medi-Cal premiums for approximately 500,000 Medi-Cal enrollees who pay monthly premiums for coverage (Targeted Low Income Children Program (OTLICP), all State Children's Health Insurance Programs (CHIP), and the 250% Working Disabled Program).

Medi-Cal Redeterminations
During the pandemic, Medi-Cal beneficiaries did not have to go through the annual redetermination process. However, once the federal government declares the end of the Public Health Emergency, Medi-Cal determinations will resume the following month. Since the current federal Public Health Emergency declaration is through July 15, 2022, the May Revise contains funding to assist counties with the first redeterminations completed in 2022. The first individuals no longer eligible for Medi-Cal would leave the program in November 2022, with redeterminations progressing gradually over the following 12 months.

Presumptive Eligibility for Individuals 65+, Blind or Disabled
The May Revise proposes to permanently extend and continue Medi-Cal presumptive eligibility for older adults and individuals who are blind or disabled. Already permanent for other populations, this gives eligible older adults and individuals who are blind or disabled instant Medi-Cal eligibility for a limited time.

Doula Services
The May Revise contains additional funding to increase the reimbursement rates for doula services that will be provided as a preventive Medi-Cal benefit in January 2024. It includes personal support services for pregnant individuals and families throughout the pregnancy, labor, and postpartum period.

Health Enrollment Navigators
The May Revise adds one-time funding to Health Enrollment Navigators to assist in outreach, application assistance, enrollment, and retention for difficult-to-reach populations, including the implementation of Health4All.

Community Health Workers
The Budget proposes $1.7 billion in funding over three years in Care Economy Workforce investment including funding to recruit and train 25,000 new community health workers as well as additional psychiatric providers.
**Cognitive Health Assessments**
The May Revise contains funding for Medi-Cal to cover an annual cognitive health assessment (which is a screening for dementia and Alzheimer’s Disease) for individuals 65 or older, if they are ineligible for such service under Medicare. This benefit was passed into law last year and will start July 1, 2022.

**California Food Assistance Program (CFAP)**
The State of California provides state-funded food stamps through the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) for qualified non-citizens who do not qualify for federal benefits. The May Revise maintains the Governor’s January proposal seeking to expand CFAP to all low-income residents ages 55 and over regardless of immigration status. The budget proposes to allocate about $35 million for initial planning and allocates about $113 million annually starting in the 2025-26 budget year for the full expansion.

**Housing & Homelessness**
The May Revise proposes a $2.5-billion-dollar increase for housing and homelessness programs from last year for multi-year investments to build housing and behavioral health housing. The May Revise includes funding for Homekey projects, interim housing and money to accelerate affordable housing production and conversions of retail space in downtown corridors.

*Government Affairs will continue to monitor and provide key updates on the budget process as it related to RCAC Members.*
**List of Motions approved at June 2, 2022 Board of Governors Meeting**

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<td>1. Authorize remote teleconferencing consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act;</td>
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<td>2. Adopt findings as set forth in this Motion Summary and,</td>
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<td>3. For all L.A. Care Health Plan and L.A. Care Joint Powers Authority meetings subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act that are not held within 30 days, delegate authority to the Executive Committees to authorize findings to continue remote teleconferencing consistent with the Ralph M. Brown Act.</td>
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**Member Impact:** L.A. Care members will benefit from this motion by providing for public participation in Board of Governor meetings, while following social distancing measures promoted by State and Local public health officials.

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<td>To approve the revised 2022 Board of Governors and Committees to reflect new start time of Board of Governors meetings to 1 pm, effective June 2, 2022.</td>
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**Member Impact:** Public input is welcome at all Board and Committee meetings.

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**Member Impact:** L.A. Care Members will benefit from this motion through efficient processing of provider claims, allowing providers and their staff to focus on serving the member.

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**Member Impact:** N/A

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Motion numbering of motion summaries may change, if going to the full Board for consideration and approval.

*Motions approved in Consent Agenda*
County of Los Angeles

Delete
The Divide
Over 365,000 households in Los Angeles County lack broadband service.
Delete The Divide

Our Story

○ Initiative led by the County of Los Angeles

Mission

○ To empower youth, young adults and small businesses in underserved communities who are adversely impacted by the digital divide
Become A Member

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be ages 12-24
- Live in LA County
- Reside within an underserved community with minimal or no internet access or be a member/participant of a Delete The Divide organization partner

Membership is FREE!
Membership Benefits

VIP Access...

- Free lifetime membership
- Special events, conferences, tours
- Earn badges and industry standard certifications
- Access to member portal and high-demand IT training
- Compete for scholarships, paid internships and employment
- Develop an online presence for a small business in your community

COVID guidelines will be enforced as applicable.
Delete The Divide

Why Should You Care?

◉ Careers in IT are projected to grow **11%** by 2029, much faster than the average for all occupations.

◉ By 2025 **85 million** jobs will be lost to advances in technology. - World Economic Forum

◉ By 2025 **97 million** careers will be created due to technology. - World Economic Forum
Scholarship Opportunities
IT Career
Certificates

Exclusively for Members

◌ No experience or degree required
◌ FREE self-paced online training (10 hrs/week)
◌ Qualify for in-demand careers
◌ Earn multiple certificates
◌ Complete certificate within 3-6 months

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Delete The Divide
IT Certificate Offerings

Less Technical

- Social Media Marketing Professional
- Project Management Professional
- User Experience (UX) Design Professional Certificate

More Technical

- Marketing Analytics Professional
- IT Support Professional
- Data Analytics Professional
- IT Automation with Python
DTD Internships

- Coming Soon:
  - 200 positions
  - $18 to $20/hour
  - Up to 240 work hours
  - Flexible schedules
  - Seasonal and year-round
  - Assignments with LA County and private sector
  - Corporate tours and events
  - Group Projects
  - DTD Internships
On November 16, 2021, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a motion to:

- Invest in viable options for the County to facilitate residential access to reliable broadband service in low-income communities
- Promotional campaign on financial subsidy programs
- Amendments to existing agreements with internet service providers and telecommunication companies
- Public-private partnerships for Community Wireless Network
- County-administered municipal broadband service
Community Wireless Network

Released the competitive solicitation in March 2022.

- Pre-qualified MSPs will compete for future work orders to deploy broadband networks in communities impacted by the digital divide.

- RFSQ requires minimum speeds of 100 Mbps / 20 Mbps with technology scalable to 100 Mbps / 100 Mbps, aligning with Federal and State funding guidelines.

- Proposal deadline was May 13, 2022.

- Board of Supervisors’ approval will be required prior to executing public-private partnerships with one or more MSPs.
Signed a **MOU with the City of Los Angeles**

- Added Los Angeles County Office of Education representing 80 school districts
- Established a working partnership to commit resources towards digital equity and inclusion initiatives
- Both agencies will deploy their assets and operations to bring new public connectivity infrastructure to communities
- Collaborating on projects and funding opportunities to maximize efficiencies and public impact while reducing duplication of efforts
Digital Navigators
A community-centered approach to improving broadband adoption and digital literacy.

- Hired from within the target communities
- In-person assistance with applying for subsidies, acquiring affordable devices, and technical support for accessing the internet
- Support residents at premises, community events, and call centers
- Administered a Request for Comments in March 2022
Thank You

Send inquiries to:
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