

Protect Medicaid DSH Funding

Essential to Access, Essential to Health

Private Essential Access Community Hospitals (PEACH)

Medicaid DSH Funding is Vital to Community Safety-Net Hospitals

Community safety-net hospitals are essential to California's health care safety net – dedicating **86 percent** care to low-income Medi-Cal (California's Medicaid program), Medicare and uninsured patients.

These critical hospitals also provide more than half of all safety-net hospital charity care in California – (**over \$400 million**). Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) funding enables them to serve their diverse, underserved communities with high-quality, lifesaving care and preventive services.

Without the elimination of these cuts, the stability of California's community safety-net hospitals and access to care is at risk.

Medicaid DSH cuts impact on California



\$181 million in cuts to community safety-net hospitals Federal Fiscal Year 2020



\$579 million in cuts to the state's entire hospital safety-net in Federal Fiscal Year 2020

Medicaid DSH Cuts Jeopardize Health Care Access

Recognizing the importance of Medicaid DSH funding to the nation's health care safety net, on December 2019, Congress again delayed \$4 billion in Medicaid DSH cuts until May 22, 2020.

CONGRESSIONAL CALL TO ACTION

PEACH thanks the Congressional Delegation for its leadership in repeatedly delaying these cuts and urges the elimination of the Medicaid DSH reductions.

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