



March 8, 2016

The Honorable Federal Glover  
The Honorable Karen Mitchoff  
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors  
Legislation Committee  
County Administration Building  
651 Pine Street, Room 101  
Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Supervisors Glover and Mitchoff:

On behalf of our Contra Costa members, I am writing to express our support for the Medi-Cal Funding and Accountability Act, a 2016 statewide ballot initiative sponsored by hospitals to make an existing hospital fee program permanent and bring in needed federal funds for Medi-Cal.

As you know, nearly 13 million California children, seniors and working families rely on Medi-Cal for their health care needs. The need to preserve and protect funding for these vulnerable populations has never been greater.

Origins of the Medi-Cal Funding and Accountability Act go back to 2009 when hospitals voluntarily agreed to pay a fee that would be used to draw down Federal matching dollars. The initial solution came during the depths of the worst recession in California history when the state was not able to fulfill the requirement and set aside the resources to participate in the matching program.

In the fall of 2013, Governor Jerry Brown signed Senate Bill 239, which established an additional three-year Medi-Cal hospital fee program designed to continue unlocking billions of dollars in federal matching funds for supplemental Medi-Cal payments to hospitals.

The current law is due to expire at the end of 2016 and without a permanent solution, hospitals will lose the stability and funding certainty that has been critical to ensuring quality health care services to those Californians most in need.

Support for the Medi-Cal Funding and Accountability Act goes far beyond the hospital community and includes more than 800 statewide health care advocacy associations, community-based organizations, medical and dental groups, senior and children's organizations, and the business community. Additionally, the initiative enjoys support from the California Association of Counties and the Urban Counties of California.

We respectfully ask for your support of the Medi-Cal Funding & Accountability Act in order to preserve a consistent funding source for California's hospitals so they can focus on what they do best: provide top-quality health care services for millions of Californians.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Rozen  
Regional Vice President