

**Senate Bill 810, The California Universal Health Care Act,
by state Senator Mark Leno (D-San Francisco), provides us more and costs less!**

SB 810 covers everyone in California. With SB 810 our health care system will not just be a benefit of work, or a program for the elderly, or a program for low income people. There will no longer be different classes of people receiving different qualities of health care. Each California resident will be covered and will receive excellent health care. SB 810 does not discriminate and treats everyone needing health care with dignity.

SB 810 uses our money wisely. We would combine into one public fund all the funds of Medicare, Medicaid (Medi-Cal) and other governmental health care money plus taxes on unearned income and the payroll of both employees and employers. By consolidating these funds we will be free of the bureaucratic waste caused by the 6000 private medical insurance plans and the 69 governmental health care programs in California. We would pay taxes instead of premiums, co-pays, and deductibles. The taxes will be less than the insurance premiums and co-pays and deductibles we now pay.* This would translate into a healthier economy with more money in the pockets of businesses and workers. Having only one fund for collections and payments is called single payer.

* Lewin Group Study ,2004

SB 810 gives us complete coverage. All necessary medical care will be covered, including doctor, hospital, mental health care, prescription drugs, dental and vision care. We will choose any doctor or other provider that we want without interference or limitations from the insurance companies or our employers.

In the end, SB 810 is responsible to the people. Which one of you knows who is the CEO of your insurance company? With SB 810 we will know the commissioner of our Health Care Agency. We, the residents of California, will be in charge of our health care.

Senator Mark Leno did not have to reinvent the wheel to write SB 810. In 2002 the state of California finished a study called The Health Care Options Project. The study showed that by removing the health insurance industry from health care and instead using a single payer system that included a comprehensive plan, negotiation of price for drugs and services, while leaving health care providers as is, all California residents could be covered with better services and with good pay for health care providers. In 2004 an other study showed that we could save \$8 billion with a public, single payer fund. This study also showed we could have saved \$345.6 billion in the ten years between 2006 and 2015 if SB 810 had been adopted in 2006.

Our biggest opponent is the insurance industry. They are in the business primarily for making profits. They want to avoid the sick and only insure the healthy. This is good business for them but bad medicine for us.

SB 810 passed the state Senate Health Committee in 2011. It will continue through the Senate in January 2012 and through the Assembly beginning in February. After passing the legislature it will go to the governor's desk for his signature.

Join the grassroots movement to get SB 810 passed into law.

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