



Summary: Healthy California Act Polling & Economic Analysis

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Healthy California Act Polling

- **70% of Californians Support CA Medicare for All Bill**
- **58% Support SB 562 even after hearing opposition arguments**
- **94% of those surveyed support the key SB 562 goal of lower health care costs.** The economic analysis of the Healthy California Act documents that middle income families would save from 2.6 to 9.1 percent of their family income if SB 562 is enacted. Lower income Californians would also see savings.
- **93% percent want lower prescription drug costs, and 92 percent favor allowing patients to choose their own doctors and health care providers – two other goals of SB 562.** Under the bill, all Californians would receive one medical card that could be used for comprehensive health services provided by any doctor, hospital, clinic or other provider without added network costs and restrictions and other limitations as exist in the current system.
- **82% favor eliminating premiums, co-pays, deductibles, and all out of pocket expenses for covered services – as SB 562 would specifically require.** The new economic analysis found that 12 million Californians, 36 percent of those with insurance, facing financial stress due to cost.
- **81% support ensuring every Californian has healthcare – as would be guaranteed by SB 562.**

Healthy California Act Economic Analysis by UMass Amherst Political Economic Research Institute

1. **Gaps in current health care system in California** – uninsured, 2.7 million people, 7.5% of state population. Underinsured – about 12 million people, 36% of state's insured population, due to high medical costs.
2. **Total savings to current system by covering all Californians with Healthy CA Act – & 73 billion per year or 18%.**

3. Where the 18% savings come from. A- Structural savings, 13% cost reductions – 1) lower administrative costs 2) lower pharmaceutical costs 3) reduced costs, based on Medicare rates, for providers. B – Care delivery savings, 5% overall cost reductions – 1) unnecessary services 2) inefficiency in care delivery 3) preventive care 4) reduced fraud

4. Total cost of Healthy CA with savings through SB 562 - \$331 billion. Based on current total spending on healthcare in California, \$368.5 billion, plus additional 9.6 percent, to \$404.1 billion to fully cover the uninsured and underinsured in California

5. Shift of current public funds into Healthy CA system -- \$225 billion. Where that comes from – 71% of all current spending is taxpayer financed through Medicare, Medi-Cal, tax subsidies in payments to private insurers for health expenditures by individuals & households.

6. Additional funds needed to finance Healthy CA system -- \$106 billion. Proposed sources-
A- Gross business revenues receipts tax – 2.3%, exempting first \$2 million in receipts, eliminating costs for small businesses with 9 employees or less. Firms with up to 19 employees likely to pay taxes on only one-third of gross revenue – without obligation of funding health benefits for employees. Total revenue - \$92.6 billion.

B – Sales tax, 2.3%, exempts all spending on housing, utilities, food at home, and other exemptions under current state tax code. Low income families now covered by Medi-Cal receive a 2% tax credit, fully offsetting their tax share. Total revenue - \$14.3 billion

7. Savings for Californians in health care spending as share of income, with added benefit of guaranteed care, elimination of premiums, co-pays, deductibles.

A – Middle-income families – savings of 2.6%-9.1%.

B – Low-income families – savings of 1.2%, for the uninsured, 5.5% for those on Medi-Cal with added benefit of guaranteed care.

C – Higher income families – slight rise, 1.5% to 1.7%

8. Reduced costs for businesses.

A – Small businesses that currently provide health benefits – net decline in health costs by 22%. Small businesses with 9 employees or less that don't provide health benefits will be exempted from gross receipts – and all have the added benefit of a healthier workforce.

B- Medium-sized businesses – decline in health care costs by 6.8%-13.4%.

C- Large employers with up to 500 employees – drop in health care costs by 5% as share of payroll. Even firms with average of 1,143 employees will see decline of .6% in share of payroll costs.

SB 562 - The Healthy California Act Key Points

- Guarantees healthcare as a human right to all Californians
- Provides real health security to the Golden state: comprehensive health benefits, complete choice of providers, and no more out of pocket costs
- Saves CA businesses billions of dollars and gives a 9% raise to working families by eliminating insurance company premiums, deductibles and co-pays.
- Relieves business of administrative burdens of maintaining health benefits and ends medical bankruptcies in California
- No more denials of care, your doctor and nurse is in charge of healthcare decisions!
- Universal health care gives you:
 - Peace of mind: guaranteed, free health care
 - Freedom: you choose - no worrying about “in network” or “out of network”
 - Money in your pocket from dramatic system-wide savings
 - Clean and simple – one payer, one system, no maze, no hassles
 - Relief for businesses – reduces expenses, risk, administrative. overhead
 - Improves California’s competitive advantage

List of Comprehensive Benefits:

Covered health care benefits include all health care services required to be covered under the ACA, Medi-Cal, Medicare, CHIP. Healthy California members services covered shall include, but are not limited to, all of the following:

1. In & Outpatient Medical
2. Dental
3. Vision
4. Prescription drugs
5. Preventative care
6. Inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative care
7. Immunizations
8. Laboratory & diagnostic services
9. Surgical & recuperative care
10. Blood products
11. Emergency care services
12. Ambulance services
13. Translation & interpretation
14. Dialysis Podiatry
15. Case management & Care Coordination

16. Mental health
17. Medical equipment, appliances & assistive tech (ex: prosthetics and hearing aids)
18. Substance abuse treatment.
19. Prescription drugs
20. Prenatal and postnatal care.
21. Pediatric care
22. Transportation to and from doctor or hospital for disabled and low income
23. Chiropractic
24. Acupuncture
25. Adult day care
26. Health and wellness education
27. Hospice
28. In-home care
29. Up to 100 days of skilled nursing
30. Rehabilitative and habilitative services.
31. Ancillary health care or social services previously covered by a regional center for persons with developmental disabilities
32. Ancillary health care or social services previously covered by county integrated health and human services programs
33. Therapies that are shown by the National Institutes of Health, National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health to be safe and effective
34. Health care and long-term supportive services currently covered under Medi-Cal or the state's Children's Health Insurance Program

Resources and links:

- SB 562 Poll - Press Release: <https://tinyurl.com/PR562Poll>
- SB 562 Poll - Topline Results: <https://tinyurl.com/562Poll>
- UMass Amherst PERI SB 562 Economic Analysis Press Release: <https://tinyurl.com/PRSB562FiscStudy>
- UMass Amherst PERI SB 562 Economic Analysis (full study text): <https://tinyurl.com/562EconAnal>
- Visuals/Flyers: Poll Flyer: <https://tinyurl.com/562PollFlyer>, Household Savings Flyer: <https://tinyurl.com/562HHSaveFlyer>, Business Savings Flyer: <https://tinyurl.com/562BizSaveFlyer>
- Additional resources and information at: www.HealthyCA.org
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