



### Tips for June 25th Healthy CA Commission:

- [RSVP for Zoom details](#) for Healthy California Commission meeting Friday, June 25 at 1pm to 5pm.
- **Keep it short** - public comment will likely be 1 minute only, plan what you say in advance.

### Talking Points:

- Comprehensive health care reform is closer to reach in California than it has been in many years.
- Governor Newsom campaigned on a pledge to tackle the challenge of transitioning the state to a single payer-financed system.
- Long-time single payer supporter Xavier Becerra now heads Health and Human Services – the federal department with the most regulatory power over state reform efforts.
- Polling shows a strong majority of Californians favor a “Medicare for All” style health plan<sup>1</sup>, with support for such a system growing nationally as well.<sup>2</sup>
- Only single payer financing saves lives and money – the debate over the policy and financing advantages of single payer is settled.
- This Commission is the third effort in the last three years to “study” single payer and the alternatives. Enough, already!
- There can be no excuses – California has the existing authority to pursue federal government support through the waiver process under the Affordable Care Act.
- Incremental changes will not solve the problems of endemic health inequities exposed by the pandemic, out of control costs, denied care, administrative waste and restricted access that undermine the health and budgets of Californians.
- The Commission must fulfill its mandate to offer a comprehensive, bold solution to guarantee healthcare for all Californians.
- Nothing less than a clear recommendation for single payer will meet the moment.

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<sup>1</sup> Institute of Government Studies, April 2020 Survey of California Registered Voters about Single payer Healthcare.

<sup>2</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation, “Public Opinion on Single payer, National Health Plans, and Expanding Access to Medicare Coverage”, October 2020.

## Talking Point for HCN Report on Savings

- Healthy California Now's report reaches conclusions similar to those presented in the Commission's analysis released May 26th showing the substantial savings exclusively generated by single payer financing, and provides a deeper dive in fiscal analysis the Commission cannot ignore - it's clear we can't afford any other solution to our healthcare crisis than a single payer system.
- The Healthy California Now report supports the goal to eliminate all barriers to care and liberate California from the greed of the health insurance and pharmaceutical industries stating specifically that, "Using conservative estimates, California could reduce total health spending by \$223 billion to \$764 billion over the coming decade – lowering its annual bill 7% to 19% by 2031 and giving its economy a strong competitive advantage over states that continue along current trends." California's economy cannot afford any other healthcare system than single payer.
- But if California leaders fail to take prompt action, Californians will face huge increases in the price for health care - paying \$350 billion more per year by 2031 than they do today (an increase of over \$8,000 for every resident). We have a chance to prevent this now, we need the Commission and the Governor to lead on protecting Californian's from further financial ruin when it comes to healthcare.