

Public Policy Priorities

FY2025 - 2026

Federal healthcare reforms, especially House Resolution (H.R.) 1 threaten the stability of Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act, with projected cuts of \$1 trillion and the loss of coverage for 11.8 million people over the next decade (Congressional Budget Office).¹

In response, Pacific Clinics is intensifying its advocacy efforts to protect Medicaid coverage, expand access to care, eliminate health disparities, and preserve funding for behavioral health and the social determinants of health. These priorities are not only vital to individual well-being they are essential to maintaining the economic stability of our healthcare system and the communities we serve.

Now more than ever, bold, inclusive policy leadership is needed to ensure that every person regardless of background has access to high-quality care.

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Press Congress to delay provisions of H.R.1

02

Advocate to limit provisions of H.R.1 from taking effect

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Influence the complex Federal rule making process that define key words and phrases in H.R. 1.

04

Partner with state leaders and associations to oppose harmful federal decisions, advocate for increased state funding, and support CalAIM sustainability.

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Collaborate with counties to protect behavioral health and child welfare funding and build a system rooted in shared accountability and sustainable resources.

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1. <https://www.cbo.gov/publication/61537>

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Pacific Clinics is committed to advancing high-quality care in the face of major federal healthcare reforms, including H.R. 1. These changes affect how care is delivered, how organizations operate, and whether individuals can access essential services. **Our priorities focus on:**

- Expanding access to impartial, high-quality care
- Strengthening community partnerships
- Using data to drive advocacy and tell our story
- Leading systems change that centers client needs and community well-being

Our guiding principle is simple yet powerful: every person deserves access to high-quality, impartial, and responsive care regardless of background, income, or zip code. We are committed to helping California fulfill its promise of a more integrated and inclusive system of care for children, youth, adults, families, and communities. We continue to focus on four key policy areas that are essential to advancing structural change and improving health outcomes for millions of Californians. At the heart of each initiative is the client experience—ensuring that care is not only accessible, but also affirming, respectful, and responsive to individual and community needs.



Transform Child Welfare System

- FFA Insurance Coverage Crisis
- Foster Youth: Housing, homelessness, education, and mental health services
- Family Finding & Kinship Care
- Transitional Housing Programs: THP and THP Plus



Expand School Based Behavioral Health and Ensure Quality Early Education

- Expand School Based Intervention Teams (SBIT)
- Protect Federal elimination or reduction of Head Start services



Advance Behavioral Health

- Workforce Development
- CalAIM Implementation
- Proposition 1 Rollout
- Crisis & Trauma-Informed Services
- CCBHC Sustainability
- Supportive & Bridge Housing
- Gender-Affirming Services
- Prevention & Early Intervention
- Neurodiverse Services (ASD/IDD) Reform
- Data & Technology Innovation
- AI for Care Access
- Reimbursement & Contracting (Counties, Plans, Insurance)



Prioritize Workforce Retention, Engagement, and Impact

- Invest in People: Foster connection, well-being, and inclusion across the agency
- Advance Policy: Build alliances to remove barriers to health care, housing, and education
- Inclusive Systems: Ensure care systems are effective and responsive, especially for children, families, and underserved communities
- Support Immigrants: Promote access to care, family unity, and holistic well-being