Founded in 1996, CIPC is a non-partisan, non-profit statewide organization that seeks to inform public debate and policy decisions on issues affecting the state’s immigrants and their families in order to improve the quality of life for all Californians. CIPC engages in policy advocacy, and provides technical assistance, training and education on immigrant issues.
What’s at Stake for California Immigrant Health?

- Trump signed Executive Orders undermining the ACA, advancing aggressive immigration enforcement, and threatening sanctuary cities.

- On May 4th U.S. House Republicans passed a measure to repeal and replace major parts of the ACA
  
  - The proposal would cut federal funding to Medi-Cal, reduce subsidies for middle-low income families, and eliminate key health benefits and consumer protections.
  
  - The bill would disproportionately impact immigrant families because it excludes certain immigrants from ACA tax credits and creates additional enrollment barriers.

- Repeal of ACA could mean a loss of billions of dollars for CA.

- This could mean gains made on immigrant health coverage are at risk as resources become strained.
The Impact on Californians

- Our Medi-Cal program provides coverage to nearly \(14\text{M}\) Californians. About \(3.6\text{M}\) Californians have coverage due to the expansion of Medi-Cal.

- Recipients of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)
  - Those who meet income requirement are currently eligible for state-funded full-scope Medi-Cal because they are considered PRUCOL
  - California has largest number of DACA eligible individuals and recipients. As of June 30, 2016 there are \(366,987\) DACA-approved immigrants in CA
  - Our current understanding is that if DACA recipients lose their “deferred action” status they may continue to be eligible for full-scope Medi-Cal under the current definition of PRUCOL. *Please stay tuned for updates.*
Health4All Kids

- Governor Brown’s 2017-2018 budget proposal includes $279.5 million to cover 185,000 children

- Losing the gains from Health4All Kids could put immigrant children at risk and increasingly narrow the window of opportunity for expanding health care for undocumented immigrants in the future.

- Reduced enrollment due to concerns about immigration enforcement
California has a longstanding history of actively providing healthcare to those unjustly excluded from federal programs.

**Health4All Young Adults** proposal will allocate $87 million from the Prop 56 – Tobacco Tax fund - to expand access to full scope Medi-Cal to low income, undocumented young adults ages 19 to 26.

- This key investment would be less than 1/10 of the $1 billion the tax is expected to generate.
- Almost 80,000 individuals would be eligible to receive vital health care services under this proposal.
- Investing in undocumented young adults is investing in the health of our state, as immigrants are a fundamental part of our workforce and communities.

Senator Ricardo Lara is championing this budget proposal as it makes its way through the State budget process.
Next Steps: Health4All Young Adults

- Heard in Senate Budget Subcommittee #3 on Health and Human Services on April 27\textsuperscript{th}
  - Will be taken up for a vote the earliest on Thursday in committee
- Heard in Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services on May 1\textsuperscript{st}
  - Will be taken up for a vote the earliest on Tuesday, May 23 in committee

**Take Action!**
- Call your Assemblymember/Senator on either subcommittee to ensure they put the proposal up for a vote!
- Sign the #Health4AllYA Petition
- Attend the HealthConference & Lobby Day
- Join the Health4All Coalition

- For more information contact: CIPC Health Policy Coordinator Sarah Dar at sdar@caimmigrant.org
NQI Wrap Budget Advocacy

- California currently provides state-funded full-scope Medi-Cal to “newly qualified immigrants”

- The Governor’s January proposed proposal to move all NQIs from full-scope Medi-Cal to Covered California in 2018 with certain wrap-around services.

- Uncertainty of times, administrative and programmatic would create unnecessary barriers to healthcare access for this population.

- The Governor’s May revise budget eliminates the NQI Wrap program citing operational and programmatic uncertainties.

- Success!
SB 54 – The California Values Act

- **Author:** Senate President Pro Tem. Kevin De Leon

- **What does the bill do?**
  - Cuts web of entanglement between local police and sheriffs with federal immigration enforcement agents to prevent California’s state and local resources from being used to deport state residents.
  - Limits transfers and detention of California residents by law enforcement in the absence of a warrant.
  - Limits ICE access to California residents in jail or prisons.
  - California schools, health facilities, and courthouses will remain safe and accessible to all California residents, regardless of immigration status.
Next Steps: SB 54

- SB 54 passed the Senate on April 3rd
- SB 54 heads to the Assembly
- Take Action!
  - Join legislative visits
  - Call your Assemblymember
  - Share stories of patients/clients
  - Submit a letter of support
- For more information contact: CIPC Organizer Stacy Suh at ssuh@caimmigrant.org
Key Messages for Immigrant Communities

- Immigrants, both undocumented and documented, should review their health coverage options.
  - Those eligible: sign up for Covered California, Medi-Cal, or county safety-net programs.

- If immigrant individuals have health care, we strongly recommend that they utilize services, set up appointments for yearly check-ups, stay up to date with vaccinations and medical visits, and seek a medical professional when needed.

- Covered CA has reassured immigrant families that personal information provided in an application is secure, safe, confidential and will not be shared with enforcement agencies.
  - Information shared is to determine eligibility only