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 believes in a healthcare system that works for everyone. Increasing and improving access is key to raising the quality of life for Californians. By working with coalitions of advocates, state departments, stakeholders, and community members we help lead advocacy on local and statewide efforts such as Medi-Cal for undocumented children and efforts to expand healthcare to all, regardless of immigration status.

**Health Policy Priorities**

**Health For All Young Adults (#Health4AllYA):** The Governor’s revised budget did not include a crucial investment to expand health care eligibility to undocumented young Californians. This reflects a lost opportunity to expand life-saving care to undocumented young adults. The Health For All Young Adults proposal aims to expand comprehensive Medi-Cal coverage for undocumented young adults excluded from federal health programs due to their immigration status. The proposal would invest a small portion California’s Proposition 56 to expand full-scope Medi-Cal to low income, undocumented young adults ages 19-26. Immigrant health advocates propose to allocate between $80-90 million, less than one-tenth, from the expected $1.2 billion the tax is expected to generate. CIPC and immigrant health advocates will continue with moving efforts to ensure that all Californians have access to health care, regardless of their immigration status.

**Newly Qualified Immigrant (NQI) Wrap Budget Advocacy:** California currently provides state-funded full-scope Medi-Cal to “newly qualified immigrants” (NQI), ages 21-64, who are subject to the federal “five-year” bar. The Governor’s proposed budget in January proposed to move all NQIs from full-scope Medi-Cal to Covered California in 2018 with certain wrap-around services. Covered California would act as the primary insurer and Medi-Cal would cover benefits not included in Covered California, such as adult dental. The Governor’s revised budget includes $48 million to eliminate the NQI Wrap program citing operational and programmatic uncertainties. CIPC and advocates will continue to work closely with the Legislature and Department of Health Care Services to ensure this population remains in Medi-Cal coverage indefinitely.

**Other Policy Priorities**

**SB 54 (De León) – The California Values Act:** Ending local law enforcement entanglement with ICE is urgently necessary for ending mass detention and deportation and protecting California’s immigrant communities. SB 54 prohibits state and local law enforcement agencies, including school police and security departments, from engaging in immigration enforcement or using any state or local resources in carrying out enforcement activities, with certain limited exceptions. SB 54 also expands the TRUST Act by prohibiting the transfer of any individual into federal custody for deportation without a judicial warrant. The bill also instructs the Attorney General to create model policies that limit immigration enforcement on the premises of sensitive locations, including schools, hospitals, clinics and courthouses. The bill is currently in the Assembly waiting to be referred to a policy committee.