

Maximizing Expanded Drug Medi-Cal Eligibility

The Affordable Care Act expanded Drug Medi-Cal eligibility more than ten-fold to potentially provide drug and alcohol abuse treatment and prevention services to approximately 400,000 more low-income County residents. The County should pursue strategies to leverage this federal financing to provide broader quality services, especially for those populations that need it the most.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of the Department of Public Health, in collaboration with County Counsel and the Directors of the Departments of Health Services and Mental Health, to report back in writing in 60 days on a plan to leverage the Affordable Care Act to provide expanded drug and alcohol abuse treatment and prevention services to at-risk individuals, including the chronically homeless, prison re-entry and transition aged youth populations as well as persons with co-occurring disorders. This report back should explain how these services can be better integrated with other health and mental health services provided to at-risk populations, as well as the extent to which the County of Los Angeles should retain outside expertise.

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