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**Protecting the Privacy of Los Angeles County Residents**

On July 17, 2025, it was reported that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officials will be given access to the personal data of nearly 79 million Medicaid enrollees across the country.<sup>1</sup> This includes the data of individuals living in California, Illinois, Washington state and Washington, D.C., all of which have expanded Medicaid to immigrants, using only state taxpayer dollars. These data include home addresses, ethnicities, and other personal information that is protected by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

HIPAA is a federal law enacted in 1996 which aims to protect the privacy and security of individuals' protected health information, giving them rights over their data and setting limits on their use and disclosure. This includes protections for individually identifiable health information with many common identifiers such as name, address, birth date, and Social Security Number. The Medicaid Act provides medical assistance to vulnerable populations. Longstanding interpretation of federal law, as well as policy

<sup>1</sup> ABC7 Eyewitness News, "Trump administration hands over Medicaid recipients' personal data, including addresses, to ICE," [posted](#) July 17, 2025.

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and practice, has consistently maintained that the personal healthcare data collected about beneficiaries of the program is confidential, to be shared only in certain narrow circumstances that benefit public health and the integrity of the Medicaid program itself.

Since the federal administration has increased and implemented aggressive immigration enforcement tactics, many immigrants have been hesitant to receive the healthcare they need. Hospitals, community clinics and other critical services organizations have observed a significant increase in no-shows and appointment cancellations over the last few weeks. For example, St. John's clinics have indicated that appointment cancellations and no-show rates have jumped to 30% across their clinics in and around Los Angeles County and the Inland Empire.<sup>2</sup> Meanwhile, County hospitals have similarly observed increases in cancellations and no-show rates. Los Angeles General Medical Center estimates their cancellation, and no-show rates have doubled to 20%. While the County has taken action to support immigrants, the news of the release of Medicaid data to ICE officials is likely to deter even more individuals from accessing healthcare services. Healthcare is a human right—no one should be afraid to access the care they need. It is important that the County continue to show its immigrant communities our commitment to providing health and social services regardless of immigration status.

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<sup>2</sup> The Orange County Register, "No-show rates jump at LA, Inland Empire medical clinics in wake of ICE raids," [posted](#) on June 19, 2025.

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**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

**WE, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel, in consultation with relevant departments, including but not limited to, the Departments Health Services, Mental Health, Public Social Services, Public Health, and the Office of Immigrant Affairs, to immediately explore all legal remedies available to the County in response to the President's efforts to pull personal, private, and unrelated protected health information in violation of federal law. This may include, but not be limited to, initiating, joining, or supporting existing legal actions such as *State of California, et al, v. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, et al*; 3:25-cv-05536 (N.D.Cal.).

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