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Keeping County Residents Enrolled in Safety Net Programs: Enhancing Information and Opportunities for County Residents

On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed H.R. 1, the ironically named Big Beautiful Bill, into law. This reconciliation bill, driven and supported exclusively by Congressional Republicans, includes nearly \$1 trillion cuts to Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP) over ten years, eliminating access to essential safety net programs among those most vulnerable. According to a report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 13.4 million Californians rely on Medicaid for health coverage, while 5.4 million Californians receive food assistance through SNAP. Yet, significant changes to these programs will limit access to health, nutrition, and economic resources that the County’s most at-need residents depend on.

One of the most significant changes pursuant to the legislation is the new Medicaid work requirement, which mandates that individuals ages 19 to 64 (the Medicaid expansion group), prove that they are either working at least 80 hours per month, participating in community service or a work program for at least 80 hours per month, enrolled in a part-time educational program, or have at least 80 combined hours of qualifying activities. This is despite significant evidence showing that work

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requirements do not lead to increased employment but do lead to significant coverage losses due to increased red tape.

Although the bill includes limited exemptions for the federal work requirements, states will have to develop procedures to verify Medicaid eligibility information and related exemptions. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities estimates that nationally, 39% of Medicaid expansion enrollees will lose coverage, even though only 13% of enrollees do not work or qualify for an exemption. In California, as many as 3.5 million Medicaid enrollees are at risk of losing Medicaid coverage because of work requirements.

Importantly, even though approximately two-thirds of Medicaid enrollees in California work and many others may qualify for an exemption, proving employment can be significantly burdensome and will result in individuals losing Medicaid coverage. The National Alliance of Caregiving, in particular, has voiced concerns over the potential loss of coverage among eight million family caregivers who rely on Medicaid nationwide. Family caregivers already navigate complex systems of care and bureaucratic hurdles, and the new work requirements will add an additional administrative burden that will impact their ability to maintain Medicaid coverage.

H.R. 1 also cuts administrative funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) by \$187 million over the next 10 years, an estimated 20% reduction in

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funding. The bill also expands existing work requirements to older adults aged 55-64, and to parents whose youngest child is at least 14 years old. One of the provisions of the law also removes current work requirement exemptions for veterans, people experiencing homelessness, and former foster youth. Over 40 million people throughout the country rely on food assistance from SNAP, including 16 million children, eight million seniors, and four million non-elderly adults with disabilities. It is estimated that work requirements will place over five million people at risk of losing some food assistance throughout the country. This includes an estimated 800,000 children, and more than half a million adults who are at least 65 years of age or have a disability. Meanwhile, in California, 368,000 individuals will be at risk of losing some of their food assistance.

Although many of the cuts from H.R. 1 will likely be unavoidable, it is important that the County work with stakeholders and impacted residents to ensure as many participants remain connected to the safety net. As the County prepares for the implementation of work requirements and other eligibility requirements, it is important to proactively ensure that eligible Medicaid and SNAP enrollees can continue to receive the healthcare coverage and food assistance they are entitled to. It is also imperative that the County continue to work with the State to identify and advocate for funding sources that can support the additional workload for County staff associated with

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administering the new work requirements for Medicaid and SNAP recipients.

IWE, 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.

IWE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Social Services, in collaboration with the Departments of Health Services, Public Health, Mental Health, Aging and Disabilities, ~~and~~ Economic Opportunity, and the Chief Executive Office's Poverty Alleviation Initiative, and in coordination with managed care plans, community health centers, and providers, to do the following:

1. Evaluate the potential impact of work requirements on the County's population of Medicaid and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) enrollees, including the percentage of individuals who currently work or qualify for an exemption, but are at risk of losing Medicaid coverage or food assistance.
2. Identify opportunities to connect beneficiaries of Medicaid and SNAP to work opportunities and American Job Centers on coordinated efforts to meet work requirements and preserve enrollment status, including opportunities to leverage Economic Opportunity's virtual American Job Center to most expeditiously meet work requirements and minimize disruption to County services.

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3. Identify opportunities for Medicaid and SNAP enrollees to volunteer, and formalize areas of work that may remain informal or unpaid, including caregiving for family members in need, to maintain Medicaid and SNAP coverage.
4. Monitor disenrollment trends and community feedback to escalate systemic barriers to State and Federal advocacy efforts.

!WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Social Services, in collaboration with the Departments of Health Services, Public Health, Mental Health, Aging and Disabilities, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Los Angeles County Library, the Center for Strategic Partnerships, and in coordination with managed care plans, community-based organizations, community health centers and providers, and school districts to develop plans and timelines for the following:

1. Conducting a grassroots “Keep Your Coverage” campaign that is multilingual, literacy appropriate, and culturally competent.
2. Developing and conducting training of *promotoras/es* and community health workers to provide information, critical resources and opportunities that enable communities to maintain enrollment in Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and other social services.

!WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of

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Public Social Services, in collaboration with the Departments of Health Services, Public Health, Mental Health, Aging and Disabilities, and Economic Opportunity, Los Angeles County of Education, and Library to confer and take feedback from every Board office to determine a plan for the most culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach methods depending on local community needs and partners to carry out the above directives, and report back in writing in 90 days on the above directives.

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