

What They're Saying ...

About The Health Care Security And Cost Reduction Act

San Francisco Chronicle – Plan “Brings In Billions In New Revenue”: “This plan, while expanding health care, also would bring in billions in new revenue to help cover those costs...The concept is ‘shared responsibility’ - Californians would be required to have health insurance (and could get coverage regardless of pre-existing conditions), employers would be required to provide it (or pay into a fund), insurance companies would be required to spend 85 percent of premiums on patient care, hospitals would pay fees and lower-income residents who qualify for subsidies that would come, in part, from a new tobacco tax.” (Editorial, “Health Care: Down To The Wire,” [San Francisco Chronicle](#), 12/16/07)

Latino Coalition For A Healthy California Executive Director Lupe Alonzo-Diaz – “Governor’s Vision And Speaker’s Leadership” Help All Californians: “Rarely in our lives are we ever confronted, where history confronts us and looks us straight in the eyes and says we really have an opportunity to make a difference. And we have that opportunity today, right now. And the idea is that what history is allowing us to do, it’s giving us an opportunity to combine the Governor’s vision with the Speaker’s leadership, and to really impact not just the over 6 million uninsured Californians, but also the rest of us that are insured and that are worried about our own costs, our own bottom line.” (Office of the Governor, “Health Care Reform For All Californians,” [Blog](#), 12/17/07)

California Association Of Physician Groups President Don Crane – 150 Medical Groups Applaud Governor and Speaker’s “Pioneering Efforts”: “Governor Schwarzenegger and Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez have done a masterful job of bringing California to the threshold of a critical decision regarding the direction of healthcare in California...California’s network of 150 medical groups applauds the leadership in producing their healthcare reform proposal, and we stand ready to help craft an implementation plan that ensures Californians are provided with affordable, coordinated benefit plans that emphasize prevention, disease management, and increased access to the healthcare services they need...We applaud the Governor and the Speaker for their pioneering efforts to reform our ailing healthcare system.” (California Association Of Physician Groups, “Physician Groups Encourage Health Reform Deal in '07 and Call for Expansion of Coordinated Care Model,” Press Release, 12/17/07)

California Conference of Carpenters Director Daniel Curtin – Reform Will “Bring Down Costs In The Long Run For Everybody”: “There are several elements of it that I think are tremendous. One is the emphasis on preventive care, so there’ll be a no-fee process for health screening, for preventive medicine. This is critical. That will actually bring down the costs in the long run for everybody, because as we all know, if you catch medical issues early on the costs come down dramatically. If you treat them in the appropriate place, whether it be a clinic or in a doctor’s office, then you don’t have to go to the hospital and pay for the high costs involved in that.” (Office of the Governor, “Support For Comprehensive Health Care Reform,” [Blog](#), 12/17/07)

Silicon Valley Leadership Group CEO Carl Guardino – Governor Has “Brought Forth A Bold Plan For Reform That The Legislature Must Enact Now”: “This legislation will reduce costs for business, provide additional tax savings to employers and employees, promote prevention and wellness for a more productive workforce, and ensure that employers do not bear more than their fair share of costs for health care reform...After many long months of work and commitment, the governor has brought forth a bold plan for reform that the Legislature must enact now.” (Silicon Valley Leadership Group, “Silicon Valley Leadership Group Urges Legislative Action Today on Health Care Reform,” Press Release, 12/17/07)

AARP California State President Jeannine English – Governor “Has Been Instrumental And Very Courageous”: “Health Care Reform is the number one issue for AARP, not just for our own members, but for all Californians who need Health Care Reform. They are in pain, and they need reform now. We believe the Governor has been instrumental and very courageous to push that debate and push that agenda forward...There will be further refinements in the language and we are very comfortable in moving and talking about those refinements, but we do believe that progress has been made, and will

continue to be made and we need health care reform now.” (Office of the Governor Website, “Passing Health Care Reform,” [Blog](#), 12/17/07)

Coalition To Advance Healthcare Reform Chairman And Safeway Inc. CEO Steve Burd – Reform Establishes “Fair, Responsible And Focused” System: “The legislation passed by the Assembly today addresses many of the principles supported by our Coalition. We applaud the Governor and Speaker Nunez for their leadership and courage in supporting these groundbreaking reforms...To achieve reform all stakeholders must be willing to make changes for the better good of our state. This compromise measure tackles the major problems of our current system and establishes a new, innovative system of care that is fair, responsible and focused on prevention, wellness, quality of care and accessibility that will start to bring all Californians into the healthcare system.” (Coalition to Advance Healthcare Reform, “The Coalition to Advance Healthcare Reform Applauds Assembly Passage of Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act,” Press Release, 12/17/07)

California Chronic Care Coalition Chair Elizabeth Helms – People For The First Time “Will Not Have To Have The Fear of Being Turned Down”: “We represent 16 million people in this state that have some type of chronic condition, from mild to severe. Basically, these people could not, on their own, obtain insurance for a pre-existing condition. Under the proposal that we look at now that will go away, and people for the first time will not have to have the fear of being turned down from obtaining insurance, or purchasing insurance, ever again. That’s huge for people.” (Office of the Governor, “Health Care For The Uninsured,” [Blog](#), 12/17/07)

American Cancer Society California Division Vice President For Legislative Advocacy Jim Knox – “Governor And Assembly Have Made Great Strides,” Senate Must “Maintain The Momentum”: “Cancer is the disease Californians fear most. And unless we do something now, the lack of access to adequate, affordable health care will become the biggest cancer killer, surpassing even tobacco...The Governor and the Assembly have made great strides in this effort. The American Cancer Society urges the State Senate to maintain the momentum.” (American Cancer Society, “American Cancer Society Lauds Health Care Reform Breakthrough, Press Release,” 12/17/07)

California Hepatitis C Task Force Chair Bill Remak – Everyone Denied Coverage Or Who Has Feared Losing Coverage “Now Has Hope”: “Everyone who has felt the heartbreak of being denied coverage or felt the fear of losing coverage because they are out of work, now has hope...Let’s get the job done this year! That will be the best way to bring in the New Year!” (California Chronic Care Coalition, “Chronic Care Advocates Commend Governor Schwarzenegger and Speaker Núñez for Their Tireless Efforts and Unrelenting Drive to Make Health Care Reform a Reality,” Press Release, 12/17/07)