

Alameda County Public Health Department

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Making the Difference
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Preparing for Incoming Policy Changes

- Alameda County Health is closely monitoring Federal and State Developments across agencies, internally, and with community.
- Established a **Federal Policy Implications Working Group** to coordinate across all departments and associated programs
 - Coordinating across agency and with community to analyze federal policies and potential impacts on our community to be ready to respond across these areas via existing mechanisms:
 - Executive Orders, Federal Rulemaking, Legislation/Congress, & Federal Courts

Impact of Federal Funding on County Budgets

- County budgets reflect state and federal policy and funding priorities
- As agents of the state, counties provide an array of services that are supported with state and federal dollars and governed by state and federal rules.
- County Revenues = State Funds + Federal Funds + Local Funds
 - State and federal revenues pay for health and human services, roads, transit, and other services
 - Alameda County is reliant on State and federal funding to deliver services to our residents

Federal Funding in State Budget

- More than one-third (33.9%) of the total state budget
- More than 3 in 4 federal dollars support health and human services (HHS)
 - **Medi-Cal, DHCS receives nearly two-thirds of all federal funds that flow through California's State Budget**
 - Federal funding goes to Department of Social Services for child welfare services, foster care, the CalWORKs program, and other critical services
 - The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) receives federal funding for Public Health Emergency Preparedness, Public and Environmental Health. Programs such as infectious disease control, WIC, home visiting

Federal funding to County

- Local Governments Receive Funds:
 - Directly From the Federal Government (about 45%)
 - **Federal funding that flows through the State (about 55%)**
- Most of the federal funds from the state support county costs for health and human services programs, like Medi-Cal and CalWORKs through:
 - Department of Health Care Services
 - California Department of Public Health
 - California Department of Social Services

ACPHD Commitment to Vulnerable Populations

- Seniors/older adults, undocumented immigrants, BIPOC, LGBTQ+, low-income individuals, unhoused populations, Medi-Cal recipients.
- Individuals with intersectional identities that belong to several of these groups are the most impacted.

ACPHD Commitment to Vulnerable Populations

- Potential Challenges to:
 - Housing
 - Immigration
 - Housing and Community Based Services (HCBS) and Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)
 - Nursing Home staffing and quality requirements and ownership
 - Patient data confidentiality and privacy and preventing access to care
 - Withholding federal funding that impacts access to services for certain populations (e.g. undocumented, LGBTQ+)
 - Medicaid enrollment and renewal
 - Vaccine access

Policy Priorities for ACPHD

- Continued CalAIM implementation and funding
 - Transitional Rent Services
- Medi-Cal Expansions
 - Asset test eliminations & coverage expansion to additional populations
- Increasing access for IHSS recipients
- Maintaining and strengthening Public Health Infrastructure
- Preservation of Home and Community Based Services/Alternatives & Long-Term Services and Supports, and Community Based Adult Services
- Behavioral Health Connect
- Policies and funding for digital equity that promote access to care and address social isolation
- Community Health Improvement Plan

Sampling of ACPHD Programs That Support Older Adults

- Alameda County Age-Friendly Council
- Care Partners
- Older Adults Healthy Results
- Healthy Brain Initiative
- Alameda County AFN Advisory Committee
- Nutrition Services

Community Partnerships/Support

- Let us know what you're seeing from people served
- Providing public comment on proposed rules
- Connecting us with community tables where policy advocacy is happening
- Amplifying messaging and advocacy from ACPHD
- Sharing policy changes that could impact communities you serve

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