



Intro and Invitation to Address the draft CA Life Time Care Health Act Policy Model It's time to redesign and reimagine Health Care in CA!!

Over the past 10 months, a team of volunteer health care economists, advocates, community organizers and experts from across the nation have joined together to forge the most imaginative and complete policy model framework for a publically owned, democratically planned, governed and funded, public health system, the *California Life Time Care Health Act (CALTCHA)* for you to improve and ensure it meets your intimate needs.

Your Input?

We are now seeking input* from all grass roots stakeholders to improve this guaranteed, affordable, non profit, portable, locally accessible, comprehensive, single highest quality tier, and life long, health care system to complement the actual legislative bill, the California Nurses Association Assembly Bill 1400 (Kalra). Our aim is to ensure that the highest service standards are understood and included in what Californians ultimately establish for ourselves.

Profit over People

Our current medical illness management system, incorrectly referred to as our “health care system” is an ingenious and cruel profit driven machine where illness and suffering are made commodities to channel wealth to the top corporate owners of the *medical industrial complex* (Big pharmaceutical companies, hospital cartels, the private insurance [middlemen] network and the top fraction of the most highly paid doctors who in large part represent organized medicine).

Money Wasted

The multilayered and deliberately complicated administration, billing, marketing and payment schemes of our system, siphon off nearly one third of every dollar spent, borne by patients and their families, returning nothing. Industry greed has inflated annual average medical cost to \$11,000 per person, and enforces a profound interference and arbitrary bureaucratic obstruction to health professional, (doctor and dentist, etc.) decision making, that spreads insecurity and lethal care delay in our entire culture. Fully one third of all Californians are uninsured or unable to afford the premiums, copays or deductibles for the care they need. Despite all this, we pay twice as much annually as all other industrial countries despite experiencing the worst of all health outcomes.

Medical Apartheid and Institutional Racism

“Health Care” is not for sale anywhere and the public health system, once the pride of CA, has been crippled through decades of underfunding and used primarily to serve our lowest and stigmatized economic members of society. All data shows our current medical illness system operates within a construct of institutional racism negatively impacting the most vulnerable Californians. The history of medical apartheid in the system has created a justifiable mistrust of the medical professional

community. Social determinants including employment, education, nutrition, housing, transportation and environmental safety are not considered in the current system that are critical factors in all our health and wellbeing.

Root Change Is Essential

An expanded, culturally competent, new health professional workforce, devoted to compassionate service must be recruited, trained and expanded. Tuition must be provided for all public post secondary, health professional education in a year-for-year exchange for service in urban and rural “health deserts”. and Essential clinics organized by local community in partnership with local public health departments, staffed by responsive health care providers must be located in every neighborhood to end the negative, disparate health outcomes from years of racialized and poorest community marginalization. CALTCHA will buy out all population medical care debt, among other inspiring corrections to begin to fill the huge gaps in our care system.

***As you examine these attached drafts, please let us know:**

- What is specifically missing in CALTCHA for you and your community? (language and section location if possible)
- What brief messaging & powerful materials are needed to secure the widest public support?
- How do we best integrate CALTCHA content with AB 1400?
- Who should we, or who will you, share this with to expand awareness and engagement?
- What steps, tools and actions are needed to prepare for and antidote the fierce and sly opposition we will encounter from the industry and *frenemies* who will seek to confuse, delay, deny, mislead, misinform our movement from its ultimate mission to establish single payer – Everybody In Nobody Out - health care?