

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



FROM: Supervisor John Tavaglione

SUBMITTAL DATE: July 30, 2013

SUBJECT: Support for the policy and legislative initiatives of the Riverside County Access to Care Coalition.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors support and incorporate into its own legislative platform the initiatives of the Riverside County Access to Care Coalition as it seeks to improve and expand healthcare access in Riverside County and correct inequitable reimbursement formulas.

BACKGROUND: The Riverside County Access to Care Coalition comprises elected officials, representatives from hospitals, health plans, academic institutions and other governmental partners. The Coalition has identified several solutions that would improve and expand healthcare access in Riverside County. The solutions proposed by the Coalition include:

- (1) Reforming decades old Health and Mental Health Realignment formulas so that funding allocations are based on **current** population and updated on a regular basis;
- (2) Promote funding for expansion of graduate medical education in underserved areas such as Riverside County
- (3) Expand capacity and hours of service at existing FQHCs and FQHC Look-Alike Clinics, and establish new FQHC in underserved areas;
- (4) Consolidate mental health, public health and FQHC services at single locations;
- (5) Utilize the Inland Empire Health Information Exchange to comport with meaningful use standards, decrease healthcare costs and increase patient access;
- (6) Advocate for new ambulatory veterans clinic(s) in Riverside County.

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**Support for the policy and legislative initiatives of the Riverside County
Access to Care Coalition**

The Coalition will collaborate with state lawmakers to schedule a presentation before the Inland Empire Legislative Caucus. The goal of the Coalition is to gain lawmakers' support for solutions that will increase healthcare access and expand services in Riverside County.

The Coalition will also schedule a meeting with all the Inland Congressional representatives to discuss the proposed solutions and seek their support for its initiatives.