

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



ITEM: 3.59
(ID # 27861)

MEETING DATE:
Tuesday, May 06, 2025


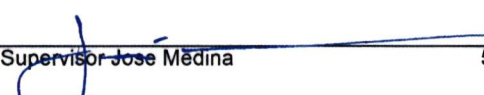
FROM : SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ AND SUPERVISOR JOSE MEDINA

SUBJECT: SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ and SUPERVISOR JOSE MEDINA: Approve Resolution in Support for Medicaid Funding.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve Resolution 2025-115 in support for Medicaid Funding

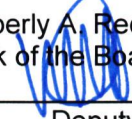
ACTION:

 Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 4th. District 5/2/2025  Supervisor Jose Medina 5/2/2025

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Perez, seconded by Supervisor Medina and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: None
Date: May 6, 2025
xc: BOS-D1, BOS-D4

Kimberly A. Rector
Clerk of the Board
By:  Deputy

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BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Riverside County Board of Supervisors is advocating for the protection of Medi-Cal (California's version of Medicaid), which serves over 1 million residents in the county, including low-income individuals, children, seniors, and people with disabilities. Medi-Cal provides critical healthcare services, with high utilization among children aged 5-12.

The resolution expresses strong opposition to any federal Medicaid cuts, which could jeopardize funding for local hospitals, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and in-home supportive services (IHSS). Cuts to Medi-Cal could lead to hospital closures, longer wait times, and reduced access to essential healthcare.

The Board calls on Congress to oppose federal budget cuts that would reduce Medi-Cal funding and pledges to continue advocating for healthcare access and services for Riverside County's most vulnerable populations.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution 2025-115

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2025-115

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

TO SUPPORT MEDICAID FUNDING

WHEREAS, Riverside County is home to over 2.4 million residents, many of whom rely on vital medical services to ensure their health and well-being; and

WHEREAS, access to healthcare is essential to the prosperity of individuals, families, and communities within Riverside County, and ensuring that all residents, regardless of their background or economic status, receive appropriate medical care is a fundamental obligation of local government; and

WHEREAS, Medicaid is the federal healthcare program for low-income individuals, and in California, this program is known as "Medi-Cal"; therefore, throughout this resolution, the terms Medicaid and Medi-Cal are used interchangeably to refer to the same essential program that provides healthcare to over one million Riverside County residents; and

WHEREAS, Medi-Cal is a critical source of healthcare coverage for low-income individuals, children, disabled persons, and the elderly, ensuring that some of Riverside County's most vulnerable populations have access to life-saving medical care; and

WHEREAS, Riverside County has more than 1 million Medi-Cal enrollees, representing 42% of the county's population, all of whom deserve access to high-quality healthcare; and

WHEREAS, Medi-Cal spending brings hundreds of millions of dollars into Riverside University Health System each year, supporting local healthcare infrastructure, services, and economic activity; and

1 WHEREAS, these Medi-Cal funds are at risk of significant cuts in the proposed federal
2 budget, which could have a devastating impact on the residents of Riverside County, especially
3 those relying on Medi-Cal for their healthcare; and

4 WHEREAS, Riverside County hospitals heavily depend on Medi-Cal reimbursement, and the
5 proposed federal Medicaid cuts would severely affect their ability to continue to provide high-
6 quality care to all county residents; and

7 WHEREAS, all of the Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in Riverside County rely
8 on Medi-Cal revenue to serve low-income communities, and the proposed cuts would impact their
9 ability to provide essential health services to vulnerable populations; and

10 WHEREAS, the reduction in Medi-Cal funding could lead to hospital and clinic closures,
11 longer wait times, and decreased access to preventive and primary care services, negatively
12 affecting both health outcomes and economic stability in Riverside County; and

13 WHEREAS, Medi-Cal also significantly contributes funds to In-Home Supportive Services
14 (IHSS), which help elderly and disabled residents stay in their homes rather than move to more
15 expensive institutional care facilities, providing crucial support to some of the county's most
16 vulnerable individuals; and

17 WHEREAS, Medi-Cal supports Regional Centers and Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)
18 for children with physical and learning disabilities, helping them succeed in school and beyond,
19 contributing to their independence and well-being; and

20 WHEREAS, in Riverside County alone, 375,000 children under 19 and 77,000 seniors over
21 the age of 65 rely on Medi-Cal

22 WHEREAS, the highest utilization of Medi-Cal services is in children ages 5-12 in Riverside
23 County

24 WHEREAS, Riverside County has a vested interest in ensuring the health and safety of all its
25 residents and recognizes that the well-being of its community is directly tied to the availability and
26 sustainability of healthcare services for its most vulnerable members;

1 WHEREAS, Riverside County urges legislators to recognize the extraordinary need for Medi-
2 Cal in our region and to prioritize continued and increased funding in response to the growing
3 healthcare demands of our communities;

4 WHEREAS, Riverside County stands ready to support and continue working collaboratively
5 with our federal partners on efforts that invest in critical infrastructure, public safety, healthcare,
6 and economic development, all of which contribute to long-term fiscal stability and prosperity.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Riverside
8 County, California, as follows:

9 1. The Board of Supervisors strongly opposes any cuts to the federal Medicaid system, which
10 provides critical funding for Medi-Cal, and calls on the federal government to protect Medi-
11 Cal funding for Riverside County and its residents.

12 2. The Board of Supervisors calls on the U.S. Congress to vote against any budget that
13 includes cuts to Medicaid funding, including cuts to reimbursement rates, block grants, work
14 requirements, or any other mechanisms that would reduce funding to Medi-Cal or undermine
15 its effectiveness.

16 3. The Board of Supervisors affirms its commitment to advocating for the continued funding
17 of Medi-Cal and to ensuring that all Riverside County residents, particularly those most in
18 need, have access to high-quality healthcare services.

19 4. The Board of Supervisors further directs County staff to actively engage with state and
20 federal officials to advocate for the protection of Medi-Cal and the services it funds, and to
21 explore other funding opportunities to ensure the health and safety of Riverside County
22 residents.

23 5. The Board of Supervisors directs the County to continue working with local healthcare
24 providers, advocacy groups, and community organizations to ensure that Riverside County
25 remains a leader in providing equitable healthcare access and services for all residents.
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1 ROLL CALL:

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3 Ayes: Medina, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Gutierrez

4 Nays: None

5 Absent: None

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7 The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of a resolution duly adopted by said Board of
8 Supervisors on the date therein set forth.

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10 KIMBERLY A. RECTOR, Clerk of said Board

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12 By: _____

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Brenda Garcia

Address: 4063 Park St

City: Riverside **Zip:** 92505

Phone #: 951 284 9399

Date: 5/6/25 **Agenda #** 3.59

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Martha Campos Hernandez

Address: 819 S. Merrill St.

City: Corona CA **Zip:** 92882

Phone #: 951 358-9629

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SPEAKER'S NAME: Roy Butkoff

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone #: _____

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Lopez, Daniel

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Epecially to Chuck & Victor Manuel & including the rest of the board & staff , I believe this is what you call evidence? Please correct me if I am wrong !!!

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