



**County of San Diego  
LEGISLATIVE POLICY GUIDELINES  
2010 Legislative Program**

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6. Support legislation to exempt volunteer stipends from being treated as income towards the SSI benefit.
7. Support legislation to increase funding that would assist seniors at all income levels with re-entering or improving skills in order to participate or remain in the workforce.
8. Support legislation to build on the aging network to fund and establish long-term care services and supports.
9. Support legislation to use the Elder Economic Security Standard Index or other similar method in place of the current Federal Poverty Level to more accurately determine the cost of meeting basic needs for older adults (65 and older). Any expansion in eligibility or services resulting from the use of the Elder Index would be funded by the state and/or federal government.



#### **N. Maternal Child Health**

1. Support legislation that would provide equitable funding in the Title V allocation to California.
2. Support legislation that would ensure that any increase in Title V funding remains in core Maternal Child Health programs, with a significant portion of the increased funding going to counties to support their ability to meet local needs.
3. Support legislation to provide funding that would support Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health programs, especially prevention programs including:
  - Dental/Oral Health
  - Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention
  - Chronic Disease Prevention
  - Nurse Family Partnership
  - Health Equities

#### **O. Medi-Cal**

1. Support legislation that would amend current law to permit a county to recover costs for services provided to indigents from pre-trial settlements and/or compromises.
2. Support legislation that would provide choice for beneficiaries who receive medical care through Medi-Cal managed health plans in the least restrictive environment.
3. Support legislation that would provide for fair and equitable capitation rates for all Medi-Cal managed care plans operating in the same geographic area.
4. Support legislation that would close the funding gaps for San Diego County health providers that are disproportionately affected by low government payer reimbursement from Medi-Cal and Medicare.
5. Support legislation to enhance eligibility outreach that will expand the use of Certified Application Assistants (CAAs) to aid adult Medi-Cal applications in addition to aiding children's applications.