

## LA ACCESS TO HEALTH COVERAGE COALITION FACT SHEET

### BACKGROUND

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The *Los Angeles Access to Health Coverage Coalition* was established in 2002 to promote the simplification of community-based outreach, enrollment, utilization and retention (OEUR) services and activities in Los Angeles County. Today the Coalition represents a broad cross-section of more than 50 community-based organizations, insurers, healthcare providers and public agencies committed to improving access to and utilization of affordable, quality healthcare for LA County residents. Each member organization touches the lives of thousands of families annually and the Coalition acts as a conduit for information to and from communities with historically uninsured and underinsured residents.

The Coalition has helped close the information gap between community stakeholders and policymakers and provided a conduit for informing and shaping outreach and enrollment policy and systems. Examples of this include, but are not limited to:

- Developing the LA County Children’s Health Outreach Initiatives (CHOI) database to document and track contract OERU services by member organizations;
- Creating and adopting performance standards for OUER services; reviewing and commenting on state and county welfare agency correspondences to families; organizing regional trainings for Certified Enrollment Counselors (CECs) and Certified Application Assistants (CAAs) on changes in program requirements, forms and program availability in coordination with DPSS, the CHI Program Integration workgroup and the training organizations.

The Coalition regularly facilitates communication between state regulatory and administrative agencies; connected community-based organizations and clinics with local, state and federal decision-makers; and coordinated local press conferences on the state budget.

### LONG TERM POLICY GOALS

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Coalition activities and policy priorities fall under the following policy goals:

<b>Policy Goal 1: Sustainability</b>	Support the creation of a stable fiscal foundation for public programs that promote positive health outcomes.
<b>Policy Goal 2: Simplification and Coordination</b>	Simplify and coordinate enrollment and retention policies and procedures among public healthcare programs.
<b>Policy Goal 3: Outreach, Enrollment, Utilization, and Retention (OEUR)</b>	Build partnerships in the community to coordinate the identification, enrollment and retention of all eligible children and families in comprehensive and affordable health insurance programs. This includes referrals and follow-up to ensure maintenance of coverage and the utilization of healthcare services once enrolled.
<b>Policy Goal 4: Quality</b>	Promote quality standards to improve healthcare and ensure health equity.
<b>Policy Goal 5: Access</b>	Strengthen the healthcare infrastructure and provider networks to ensure equitable access to care.
<b>Policy Goal 6: Expansion and Affordability</b>	Guarantee all children and families (especially lower income and under-served) have access to affordable, accessible and comprehensive healthcare coverage options.

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### STRUCTURE & MEETINGS

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The Coalition currently operates as a non-dues paying member organization with membership guidelines and expectations. The structure is intended to support CHC's social change model to bring together individuals and organizations to create community and systems change by:

- Strengthening the community network
- Capacity building
- Resource development
- Advocacy and community engagement
- Leadership development
- Diffusion of knowledge
- Coalition building

The LA Access Coalition will adhere to the following structure until such time as the membership reviews and amends. To become a member, please complete and submit the LA Access to Health Coverage Membership Form.

***The Coalition meetings are scheduled the fourth Tuesday of every other month starting in January.***

### FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE COALITION CONTACT:

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