

## HEALTH CARE

### The Facts

[There are 2.9 million uninsured people in California](#)

Nearly 3 out of 5 uninsured Californians are Latino.

More than 1.3 million children in California rely on the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). More than half are Latino.

According to the California Health Care Foundation, cost was cited as a primary reason for why people in California do not possess health insurance.

1 out of 3 uninsured in the state is a noncitizen.

### Current Health Care News in California

- ▶ During the 2017 Legislative Session in Sacramento, Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon placed on hold Senate Bill 562 which would have provided universal health care coverage to all Californians. [SB 562 is estimated to cost approximately \\$400 billion annually.](#) The bill had several flaws according to the Speaker and other state legislatures, including how the state was going to pay for this program. There were few details on how the plan would work in the bill.
- ▶ Congress has yet to restore funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Almost [600,000](#) children in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties rely on CHIP.

### For Further Reading

- ▶ California Health Care Foundation, "[California's Uninsured: As Coverage Grows, Millions Go Without.](#)"
- ▶ California Health Care Foundation: "[Key Questions When Considering a State-Based, Single-Payer System in California.](#)"