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California's Kids Lose as Senate Committee Fails to Pass Health Reform Bill

Community Health Councils released the following statement today in response to the failure of the Senate Health Committee to pass health reform legislation (ABX1 1):

“After months of negotiation, the Senate Health Committee blocked the passage of ABX1 1 today, denying coverage to nearly 800,000 uninsured children in California. This latest breakdown not only denies hope for thousands of families, but leaves 87,000 children currently enrolled in local health initiatives at risk of losing coverage. We can no longer go year to year arguing about something as fundamental as healthcare for children. California needs the comprehensive healthcare reform represented by ABX1 1.

The fact that the Governor is proposing 10% budget cuts for healthcare underscores the need for new solutions. While state legislators haggle over the details, more Californians are losing and paying more for healthcare coverage. Asking families to choose between paying the rent or taking their child to the doctor is inexcusable. Community Health Councils and our networks of coalitions urge our policymakers to deliver affordable healthcare coverage to all of California's uninsured children and families this year.”

Community Health Councils is a non-profit, community-based health promotion, advocacy and policy organization. Established in 1992, CHC's mission is to improve health and increase access to quality healthcare for uninsured, economically-disadvantaged, and underserved populations.