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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING
OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE AFFORDABILITY
PROPOSED STATEWIDE HEALTH CARE SPENDING TARGET
RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BOARD**

To All Interested Parties:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI or Department), Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA or Office) published its recommendations for a proposed statewide health care cost target (hereinafter, “statewide spending target”) on January 16, 2024. The text of the recommendations is available at: <https://hcai.ca.gov/affordability/ohca/#office-updates>

PUBLIC MEETING FOR PROPOSED STATEWIDE SPENDING TARGET

The Health Care Affordability Board (Board) shall discuss the Office’s recommendations at the January 24, 2024 Board meeting. The Board meeting will be both virtual and in-person; short breaks may be taken, as appropriate.

January 24, 2024, starting at 10 a.m.

In-Person Location:

2020 West El Camino Avenue, Suite 900 (Sierra Conference Room), Sacramento CA

Free parking is available around the building. Please do not park in reserved spaces.

Individuals with disabilities may request an accommodation or modification to observe or participate in the meeting from the Contact listed below. Providing your request at least five (5) business days before the meeting will help ensure availability of the requested accommodation.

Phone (Audio Only):

- Dial +1 (916) 535-0978 (United States – Sacramento, California)
- Enter Phone Conference ID: 869 066 187#

Online via Microsoft TEAMS:

Join on your computer or mobile app - Click [here](#) to join the meeting Or copy and paste the following link into your browser:

https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_NmE2ZmZkOGEtNmFiZS00OWMwLTlhNzMtNzNkYTQzZmFmNGM4%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2228891a93-888f-489f-9930-e78b8f733ca6%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22dc5107c4-3a16-490d-b720-797de60976ef%22%7d

For best results, please use Google Chrome or Microsoft Edge browsers to join the meeting. Should technical difficulties arise during the meeting, verbal comments from those at the physical location will still be accepted.

Members of the public are NOT required to identify themselves or provide other information to attend or participate in this meeting. If Microsoft Teams requires a name, you may enter “Anonymous.” You may also input fictitious information for other requested information if required to attend the meeting (e.g., anonymous@anonymous.com).

COMMENT PERIOD

The Board shall receive and consider public comments for **45** days after the January 24, 2024 Board meeting. Written comments relevant to the proposed statewide spending target may be submitted, either brought to the above-mentioned meeting or sent by mail or e-mail to the address listed under Contact in this Notice, to be received by the Office by 5:00 p.m. on **March 11, 2024**. All written comments timely received by the Office will be delivered to the Board.

The Board shall also receive and consider input, including recommendations, from the Health Care Affordability Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee).

INFORMATIVE DIGEST / POLICY STATEMENT OVERVIEW

The California Health Care Quality and Affordability Act (hereinafter, the “Act”) was enacted by Senate Bill (SB) 184 (Chapter 47, Statutes of 2022), and became effective June 30, 2022. It added Chapter 2.6 (commencing with Section 127500) to Part 2 of Division 107 of the Health and Safety Code.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 127501(c)(2), the Office of Health Care Affordability within the Department of Health Care Access and Information shall:

- (2) Support the board, through data collection and analysis and recommendations, to establish a statewide health care cost target for per capita total health care spending.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 127502(m)(1) through (m)(4):

- (1) The board shall hold a public meeting to discuss the development and adoption of recommendations for statewide cost targets, or specific targets by health care sector, including fully integrated delivery systems, geographic regions, and individual health care entities. The board shall deliberate and consider input, including recommendations from the office, the advisory committee, and public comment. Cost targets and other decisions of the board consistent with this section shall not be adopted, enforced, revised, or updated until presented at a subsequent public meeting. The meetings shall be subject to the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (Article 9 (commencing with Section 11120) of Chapter 1 of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code) consistent with paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) of Section 127501.10.
- (2) The office shall publish on its internet website its recommendations for proposed cost targets for the board's review and consideration. The board shall discuss recommendations at a public meeting for proposed targets on or before March 1 of the year prior to the applicable target year.
- (3) The board shall receive and consider public comments for 45 days after the board meeting.
- (4) The board shall adopt final targets on or before June 1, at a board meeting. The board shall remain in session, and members shall not receive per diem under Section 127501.10, until the board adopts all required cost targets for the following calendar year.

The Board's adoption of a statewide spending target is exempt from the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code). (Health & Saf. Code, § 127502, subd. (n).)

Any interested person may present relevant statements, orally or in writing, at the above-mentioned meeting or may submit written comment as detailed above.

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