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## **HHS Network of CA: Governor Brown, \$2.5 Billion Cuts to Health and Human Services Are Unacceptable!**

A statement from Vanessa Aramayo, Executive Director of California Partnership and Co-chair of the HHS Network of CA

“We are appalled that Governor Brown’s solution to California’s budget crisis is \$2.5 billion cuts to essential health and human services. Since 2008, California’s health and human services have suffered an astounding \$15 billion in cuts, and this budget only continues the gutting of the social safety net that so many Californian families depend on. From our quick analysis, the Governor is making a \$946 million cut to CalWORKS, an \$842 million cut to MediCal, a \$163 million cut to In-Home Supportive Services, a \$447 million cut to child care, and \$87 million in cuts to various other HHS services.

We must roll back the tide of continual cuts that target the same low-income and vulnerable Californians year after year. Instead of cuts, we need to budget for the 99% in California by supporting the health and social programs that will help restore this state to prosperity.

We call on legislative leaders to step forward and protect California’s essential health and human services. Revenue solutions are the only way to balance our budget, restore our social safety net, and steer California towards economic recovery.”

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### **About the HHS Network of California:**

We are a network of advocates, consumers, and allies working together for strong health care and human services in California. We are statewide, diverse, and grassroots. Our network includes people who care about health care, home care for seniors and disabled people, emergency food and food stamps, domestic violence shelters, independent living centers for people with disabilities, child abuse and neglect prevention, women’s health care, community

health clinics, AIDS prevention and care, and more — in other words, the basic human needs we all share.

Convening groups for the network include the [Western Center on Law and Poverty](#), [Health Access, California Partnership](#), and [California Immigrant Policy Center](#).