

## NEW MEDI-CAL RULES THREATEN ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING MEDICINES

### THE PROBLEM

The Department of Health Care Services' decision to implement **new Medi-Cal reimbursement rules**, adopted by the Brown Administration, and pursue two years of retroactive payments on Medi-Cal claims, will bankrupt many community pharmacies and eliminate an important health care safety net for California's most vulnerable populations.



### IMPACTS ON PATIENTS

California's most vulnerable Medi-Cal beneficiaries – roughly 3 million people – stand to lose access to their life-saving medicines for HIV/AIDS, mental illness and cancer as well as those who are in long-term care facilities.



### IMPACTS ON PHARMACIES

The new rules will force many independent community pharmacies to choose between serving Medi-Cal patients or closing their doors.



### IMPACTS ON COMMUNITIES

The rules will result in a catastrophic loss of local, community pharmacies, who have historically been the most accessible healthcare provider to Medi-Cal beneficiaries, while also burdening hospitals with increased ER wait times.

**78%**

independent pharmacies  
**considering no longer serving  
Medi-Cal patients**

**64%**

independent pharmacies  
**considering closure**

**J O I N U S**

Ask Governor Newsom to intervene and stop a public health crisis from developing as a result of these rules.