



Without ACCESS There is No Choice

California & Abortion Access

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**DIRECT
SERVICES**

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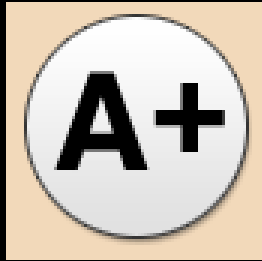
**Reproductive
HealthLine**

**Practical Support
Network**

**Women in Need
Fund**

**POLICY
ADVOCACY**

**COMMUNITY
EDUCATION**



- Pro-choice legislature
- Affirmative right to choose
- Guaranteed access to Rx
- Low-income 'access'



- Over 50% of Northern and Central counties have no provider
- 19% decrease in providers since 1996



2nd Trimester (21-24 wks)

- Bay Area = 3
(San Francisco/Oakland)
- Los Angeles = 1
- San Diego = 1

Medi-Cal Reimbursement Rates

Weeks Gestation	12.1-14.0	14.1-16.0	16.1-18.0	18.1-20.0	20.1-22.0	22.1-24.0
Medi-Cal Reimbursement for All Services	474-575	474-575	474-575	474-575	474-575	474-575
Medi-Cal Reimbursement for Procedure only	253-265	253-265	253-265	253-265	253-265	253-265
Private Reimbursement	400-714	475-714	600-925	650-925	900-1788	1250-1900

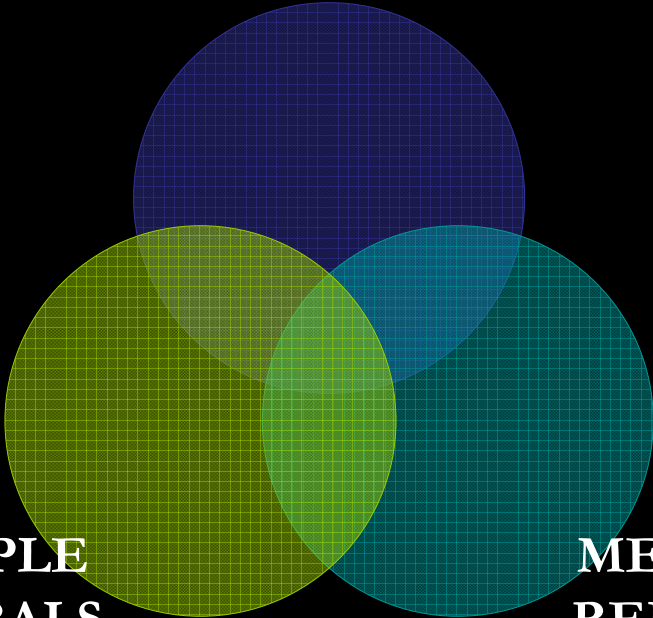
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 **Planned Parenthood**
Affiliates of California, Inc.

- Only 3% of women seek second trimester abortion - Medi-Cal pays for an estimated 40% of all abortions in California.
- Medi-Cal will pay for subsequent pregnancy-related costs.
- Women, predominately low-income and young, are forced to travel hundreds of miles to find a provider, raise thousands of dollars to pay for care or carry an unwanted pregnancy to term.

GEOGRAPHY



**MUTLIPL
REFERRALS**

**MEDI-CAL
REI RATES**



- Inadequate FACE laws
- 59% clinics experience intimidation tactics
- 1/2 CA providers targeted (1995-2000)



Lessons Learned

- Alliance with local/county allies to influence state policies
- Powerful combination of voices: public health providers and patient advocates
- Leverage of local elected officials to strengthen state and federal laws



Thank You!

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