

# California Chronic Care Coalition

*We're about People, We're about Health*

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## **Senate Health Committee 'No' Vote for Comprehensive Health Reform Doesn't Mark the End**

**SACRAMENTO, CA:** Over the past year, the Governor, his administration, and legislative leaders gained support for comprehensive health care reform from a diverse group of stakeholders including health advocates, provider organizations, labor unions, businesses and consumer groups across the state. Everyone came together to work on a common goal: **fixing our broken system of health care.**

*The Health Care Security and Cost Reduction Act contained critical provisions that would have improved health care for all Californians including those with chronic conditions or diseases which included:*

- Ensuring access to health coverage, including individuals who have pre-existing conditions
- Providing prescription drugs, physician visits, and preventative services, including the cost of managing chronic conditions, outside of any deductible.
- Promoting cost-effective health technologies
- Promoting prevention, wellness and personal responsibility

“The price of inaction is unacceptable,” states Liz Helms, Coalition Chair, “ABX1\_1 had the framework to provide comprehensive health reform. The window of opportunity was open to make a difference in the lives of millions of people, especially those with chronic conditions. We are committed to continuing our work on meaningful health care reform and are hopeful the legislature will do the same.”

Together the coalition represents more than 16 million Californians with chronic conditions including provider organizations and policy groups, which include: AARP; Agency for Hearing; Asthma & Allergy Foundation of America, California Chapter; Breathe California of the Central Coast; Breathe California-Sacramento Emigrant Trails; Breathe California Golden Gate Health Partnership-San Francisco-San Mateo Counties; Breathe California of Los Angeles County; Breathe California of the Bay Area; California Academy of Family Physicians; California Hepatitis C Task Force; California Pharmacists Association; California Physical Therapy Association; Education for Healthy Choices; Hemophilia Council of California; International Patient Advocacy Association; Mental Health Association in California; Multiple Sclerosis California Action Network; the TMJ and Orofacial Pain Society of America (TOPS) and consumer advocates.

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