Health Care Council Meeting
April 2, 2015
9 – 10:30 a.m.

1. Welcome and Self Introductions

2. Federal Update: Health Care Funding, Immigration Reform and the Federal Budget

   Congressman Tony Cárdenas, District 29
   U.S. House of Representatives

3. Action Item
   - Approve Legislation for 2015 ACCESS Sacramento Health Care Agenda

4. Closing Remarks

Upcoming Chamber Events
- ACCESS Sacramento: May 19-20, 2015

Next Council Meeting:
June 5, 2015
10-11:30am
Hon. Tony Cárdenas
U.S. Representative
Congress

Tony Cárdenas has spent 16 years as a public servant for the people of the North East San Fernando Valley and now continues his service as a United States Congressman. Cárdenas has also been chosen to represent Los Angeles on the prestigious House Committee on Energy and Commerce. He also was chosen as a member of House Democratic Leadership, working with House Minority Whip Steny Hoyer as an Assistant Whip.

Cárdenas earned an electrical engineering degree from University of California, Santa Barbara. That, along with a business background, prepared him for the day-to-day duties of an elected official.

Cárdenas has served in the United States House of Representatives since 2013. In the 113th Congress (2013-14), Cárdenas served on three committees during the 113th Congress, Budget, Natural Resources and the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Cárdenas was first elected to the California State Assembly in 1996. He went on to serve three terms in the assembly and was later elected to the Los Angeles City Council, in 2003.

As Chair of the State Assembly’s Budget Committee, Cárdenas oversaw the most robust reserve budget in the history of California. It was in the Assembly, that Cárdenas began working on juvenile justice issues. He later brought his passion for juvenile justice to the Los Angeles City Council as Chair of the City’s Ad Hoc Committee on Gang Violence and Youth Development. He also served as Vice Chair of the City’s Public Safety Committee, Cárdenas spearheaded the most comprehensive gang intervention model in the country.

Cárdenas has also said that he is committed to effectively implementing the Affordable Care Act, to insure access to health care and to make sure everyone he represents understands the opportunities in the new law, as well as the potential costs.

After 16 years in public office in California, Cárdenas made history, becoming the first Latino elected to represent the San Fernando Valley in the United States Congress. He will continue his passionate commitment to the community in Washington.
Save the Date

Share your business perspective with California's top decision makers as you join Los Angeles business and civic leaders on the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce's annual advocacy trip to our state capital. Meet with key legislators and high-ranking officials to advocate on issues important to you and L.A.'s business community.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Tuesday, May 19
6 p.m.
Opening Reception & Dinner

Wednesday, May 20
7:30 – 9 a.m.
Breakfast
10 – 11:45 a.m.
Advocacy Meetings
Noon – 1:30 p.m.
Delegation Lunch
2 – 5 p.m.
Advocacy Meetings
2015 ACCESS SACRAMENTO
HEALTH CARE ADVOCACY AGENDA

To ensure that California remains the national leader on health care reform implementation, we must maintain a positive business environment for providers and increase access to quality care. In order to realize the desired job creation, economic growth, and improved public health from Affordable Care Act implementation, the Chamber supports policies which maintain network adequacy and stabilize rates. Potential legislative priorities for our 2015 ACCESS Sacramento Health Care Agenda include the following:

AB 366 (Bonta) – Introduced 2/17/15 (Support)
Requires claims for Medi-Cal payments for inpatient hospital reimbursement be increased for the 2015–16 fiscal year, and routinely thereafter.
- In Assembly Committee on Health. Hearing set for 4/14/15. (Sister to SB 277.)

AB 463 (Chiu) – Introduced 2/23/15 (Support)
Transparency in pharmaceutical costs.
- In Assembly Committee on Health. Hearing set for 4/21/2015.

AB 533 (Bonta) – Introduced 2/23/15 (Under Review)
Requires a health care service plan contract or health insurance policy to provide that if an enrollee obtains care from a participating facility, at which, or as a result of which, the enrollee receives covered services provided by a nonparticipating provider, the enrollee is required to pay the nonparticipating provider only the same cost sharing required if the services were provided by a participating provider.
- In Assembly Committee on Health.

AB 1046 (Dababneh) – Introduced 2/26/15 (Support)
Creates uniform charity care requirements for hospitals by defining ‘community benefit’ and aligning state and federal community benefit laws.
- In Assembly Committee on Health.

AB 1086 (Dababneh) – Introduced 2/27/15 (Under Review)
Prohibits certain health care/disability plans/insurers from prohibiting an enrollee from making an assignment of reimbursement rights for health care services to the physician who furnished those services.
- In Assembly Committee on Health.

SB 4 (Lara) – Introduced 12/1/14 (Monitoring for Fiscal Impact)
RIGHT NOW: INTENT BILL - “that all Californian’s, regardless of immigration status, have access to affordable health care coverage.”
- In Senate Committee on Rules.

SB 10 (Lara) – Introduced 12/1/14 (Monitoring for Fiscal Impact)
Creates the Office of New Americans to assist undocumented immigrants.
- In Senate Committee on Government Organization. Hearing scheduled for 4/28/15.
SB 22 (Roth) – Introduced 12/1/14 (Under Review)
Creates a state fund for graduate medical residency training programs, funded through public-private partnerships.
  • In Senate Committee on Health. Hearing scheduled for 4/29/15.

SB 26 (Hernandez) – Introduced 12/1/14 (Support in Concept)
Creates a searchable, public database of health care claims information by 2019.
  • Referred to Senate Committees on Health and Judiciary. Hearing scheduled for 4/22/15.

SB 33 (Hernandez) – Introduced 12/1/14 (Under Review)
This bill would limit Medi-Cal recovery for those who are 55+ years of age to only what is required by federal law, and eliminate optional recovery for other services through surviving spouses’ and children’s estates. Vetoed by Governor last year.
  • Passed Senate Committee on Health on 3/26/15 (8-0). Referred to Senate Committee on Appropriations.

SB 243 (Hernandez) –Introduced 2/17/15 (Under Review)
Extends CA Health Benefit Review Program until 1/1/17, and moves the annual enrollment periods for insurers on the state exchange to 11/1 of the preceding CY, to 12/31 of the benefit year.
  • Passed Senate Committee on Health on 3/25/15 (8-0).

SB 323 (Hernandez) – Introduced 2/23/15 (Under Review)
Expands authority of nurse practitioners to provide primary care without supervision by a physician.
  • In Senate Committee on Rules.

SB 277 (Pan) – Introduced 2/19/15 (Support)
Requires claims for Medi-Cal payments for inpatient hospital reimbursement be increased for the 2015–16 fiscal year, and routinely thereafter.
  • In Senate Committee on Health. Hearing set for 4/22/15. (Sister to AB 366.)

SB 346 (Wieckowski) – Introduced 2/24/15 (Oppose)
Creates uniform charity care requirements for hospitals by defining ‘community benefit’, but also narrows the scope in which communities can receive charity care benefits.
  • In Senate Committee on Health.

SB 483 (Beall) – Introduced 2/26/15 (Under Review)
Requires a general acute care hospital that provides observation services to apply for approval from the state to provide those services.
  • In Senate Committee on Health.