Restoring MEDI-CAL
Access to eye health and vision care should not be derailed by cuts to Medi-Cal

In 2011, Medi-Cal payment rates providers and hospitals were cut by 10 percent in an effort the balance the budget during a severe economic downturn.

California has one of the lowest Medicaid reimbursement rates in the country, ranking 47 out of 50.

Doctors of optometry diagnose systemic conditions, like diabetes and hypertension, with a comprehensive eye exam. Early diagnosis and treatment of these conditions yields better patient outcomes and saves millions of dollars downstream.

Doctors are less likely to accept new Medi-Cal patients than patients with Medicare or private insurance. 2014 study by University of California, San Francisco.

People are 2-3 times more likely to get an eye exam if they have eyeglasses coverage.

1 in every 4 children has some type of vision problem.

Restoring Medi-Cal rates helps ensure all children can see clearly and are ready for the classroom.

27% of patients are less likely to visit an emergency room if a health condition is first detected by an optometrist.

80% of learning is done through our eyes.

50% of young adults in the criminal justice system had undiagnosed vision problems.

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