

City of Santa Rosa



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Title: REPORT - PROPOSITION 52 - THE INITIATIVE'S BALLOT TITLE IS: STATE FEES ON HOSPITALS. FEDERAL MEDI-CAL MATCHING FUNDS. INITIATIVE STATUTORY AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

BACKGROUND: The federal government's Medicaid program helps pay for health care services provided to low-income patients. In California, this program is called Medi-Cal. For a state to receive federal Medicaid funds, the state has to contribute a matching amount of its own money. In 2009, a new program was created such that California hospitals were required to pay a fee to help California obtain the available federal Medicaid funds. This program has resulted in California hospitals receiving roughly \$2 billion a year in additional federal money to Medi-Cal. However, California has diverted some of the funds from the hospital fee program to the state's general fund.

If the initiative is approved by the state's voters, it will add language to the California Constitution to require voter approval of changes to the hospital fee program to make it harder for the legislature to divert these funds from the original intended purpose of supporting hospital care to Medi-Cal patients and to help pay for healthcare for low-income children

RECOMMENDATION: The Council should consider whether, by motion, to endorse this proposition.

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