



Healthcare Districts 101

Overview of Healthcare Districts

- 79 Healthcare Districts in CA
 - Healthcare Districts are in 38 Counties
- 38 Districts operate 40 hospitals
 - 5 Own but do not operate their hospital
- 41 Provide other services:
 - 21 provide direct health care services
 - 20 mainly provide grants

Unique Nature of Districts

Services Provided:

- Adult day care and senior services
- Ambulance services
- Hospice care
- Hospital Care
- Laboratory and radiology services
- Maternal and childhood services
- Medical transportation
- Mental health and substance abuse services
- Nutrition and fitness education
- Outpatient surgery
- Partnering with local governments to create opportunities for healthy lifestyles
- Physician training
- Rural health clinics
- School-based health services
- Skilled nursing facilities

Legislative Challenges

2016

- AB 2471 (Quirk): Would have required a LAFCo to dissolve a Healthcare District without an election in certain circumstances. (Held)
- AB 2737 (Bonta): Limits the administrative costs for Healthcare Districts meeting certain criteria (Eden Township). (Chaptered)
- AB 2414 (Garcia): Expands the Desert Healthcare District outside of the normal LAFCo process. (Chaptered)

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2017

- AB 1728 (Local Government Committee): Requires Healthcare Districts to: maintain a website, annually adopt a budget, adopt grant policies.
- SB 448 (Wieckowski): Seeks to dissolve “inactive” special districts.
- Little Hoover Commission Special District Study
- Assembly Local Government Committee Oversight Hearing

ACHD Working Group

Key Strategic Goals

1. Enhance relationships with Local Agency Formation Commissions
2. Increase transparency and effective governance of Healthcare Districts through enhanced certification and educational programs
3. Educate policymakers, the public and other stakeholders about the role Healthcare Districts already play in community health
4. Review & Modernize the Healthcare District Enabling Act



Questions

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