



## ALAMEDA HEALTH CONSORTIUM POLICY PLATFORM, 2022

Community health centers provide affordable and high-quality care for underserved communities while continuing to be on the frontlines of COVID-19 response and recovery. We support and advance policies to sustain the high-quality and comprehensive care health centers provide for all residents in Alameda County, regardless of ability to pay, insurance coverage, or immigration status.

AHC is committed to creating an equitable, accessible, and responsive health care system by advocating and advancing policies in the following priority areas:



### PROTECT AND ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO TELEHEALTH SERVICES

Safeguard the current telehealth flexibilities, including the use of high-quality, audio-only modality and ensure there is sufficient infrastructure investment for safety net providers to help increase and expand telehealth.



### IMPROVE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE

Adopt innovative tactics to address workforce shortage by investing in a diverse, inclusive, and equitable health care workforce.



### ADVANCE COVID-19 EQUITABLE RESPONSE, RELIEF AND RECOVERY

Address the disproportionate rates of underlying medical conditions caused by inequities in the health care system and continue supporting an equitable COVID-19 response in communities of color and expanding relief and recovery.



### INTEGRATE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND DIVERSIFY WORKFORCE

Improve access to responsive community-based behavioral health services by advocating to support policies to expand allied health professionals, divert individuals experiencing mental health crisis to community intervention and expand the type of providers who can bill under the PPS payment structure, including ASWs/AMFTs.



### SAFEGUARD COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER FINANCIAL STABILITY

Protect stable and long-term financial funding for community health centers' operations and critical services to meet the evolving health care needs of communities in Alameda County and neighboring counties.



### SUPPORT HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEM REFORMS

Implement and enhance Medi-Cal service delivery and financing structure by integrating CalAIM and Alternative Payment Model initiatives to improve health outcomes, equity and access.



### ADVOCATE FOR UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE FOR ALL

Advocate for expanding health care coverage for all individuals regardless of their immigration status.



### PRIORITIZE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH

Continue prioritizing SDOH as part of our preventative care delivery system to connect patients to health and social services.