

## 10.20.2017 Health Systems Committee Resolution - Carmel Valley Democratic Club - Timothy Bilash MD Chair

- I. The Health Systems Committee [HSC-CV] held meetings from April 2017 continuing through October 2017.
- A. The HSC members agree that it is unlikely the Federal Government will act on the Crisis that is continuing. This is largely because The Affordable Care Act did not address all the fiscal problems, and the U.S. Congress is stripping away even the current promised funding to Health Facilities. This actually increases the Federal deficit, and with the failure of many States to expand the Medicaid coverage, it appears to be a deliberate attempt to once again Bankrupt the US Health System.
- B. The HSC has concentrated on a State approach, while also considering the Federal Programs. It has intensively reviewed the Healthy California Act (SB-562-2017) and a large body of available analysis and information. Considerable, thorough effort and careful consideration has been expended by the Committee in reaching its conclusions.
- C. SB-562-2017 as passed in the California Senate on June 1, 2017 and referred to the Assembly:
1. Provides (pays for) medical care for all California Residents under the age of 65 regardless of governmental status.
  2. Medicare A will continue as a Federal program (over 65 and disabled under 65, no premiums, co-pays or deductibles)  
(Hospitalization - CMS Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)
  3. Medicare B will be provided under SB-562 (all Residents, no premiums, co-pays or deductibles)  
(Office and Mental Health - medically necessary and preventive services)
  4. Prescription Drugs will be provided under SB-562 (all Residents, no premiums, co-pays or deductibles)  
(California will negotiate best price to lower costs)
  5. Medi-Cal (California Medicaid) will move into SB-562 (all Low Income, no premiums, co-pays or deductibles)
  6. Emergency services, surgeries, hospital stays, home health care, day care and hospice will be covered.
  7. Vision, Hearing and Dental preventative care will be included.
  8. Will include Long term Medical Care, currently provided only through Medi-Cal (CA Medicaid).
  9. Returns the Authority for Care back to Physicians and Nurses.
  10. Capitation models, which have not controlled costs, are eliminated and all services are paid as Fee-for-Service.
  11. Allows Physicians to avoid irrelevant and costly Electronic Health Records Systems (EHR), which have added 20% to Office Overhead, and 10-20% decreased Productivity in Medical Offices.
- D. SB-562 emulates parts of Canada's provincially based Medicare systems which is "cost-effective partly because of their administrative simplicity. In each province, each doctor handles the insurance claim against the provincial insurer. There is no need for the person who accesses healthcare to be involved in billing and reclaim." [Bruce Robinson <http://bcn.boulder.co.us/health/healthwatch/canada.html> ]

- II. Resolution of the Health Systems Committee of the Carmel Valley Democratic Club - Submitted October 20, 2017
- A. The Carmel Valley Health Systems Committee [CV-HSC] advocates that the California Legislature shall refer Bill SB-562-2017, as passed by the State Senate and submitted to the Assembly on June 01, 2017; to the proper Committees with due processing, consideration of amendments, and public input to define the necessary details; to submit it for an up or down vote in the California State Assembly. The committee will follow up with a comprehensive Report to the Board on November 15, 2017 detailing its considerations.
  - B. The Carmel Valley Health Systems Committee [CV-HSC] recommends that the Board of Directors accept this Resolution, and refer it to the Club Members for ratification utilizing our anticipated Report. That it provide all efforts in every way it and its Members deem appropriate, to lobby for SB-562 during the 2017-18 State Legislative Session.
  - C. That our extensive review makes clear this approach will comprehensively organize and address the Medical needs of Californians. It utilizes a viable extension of a Single-Payer/Universal Health Care System with demonstrated success in other settings and health-care systems. It is the Committee's opinion that this option will provide transparent financing and stabilize the cost issues with a novel funding mechanism.
  - D. That issues addressed by the Bill SB-562-2017, particularly the need to provide a stable Medical Program for Residents of the State, make it unwise to pass up this unique opportunity.

III. Regarding the HSC Functioning as a Committee of the Club

A. Mission Statement of the Health Systems Committee (March 2017):

The Health Systems Committee facilitates member awareness about U.S. and also Non-US Health Systems, and our Institutional options to provide cost-appropriate care. A 3-month review period is planned with anticipation of a committee report to the membership at 6 months.

Initial Issues:

- past health care choices and recent history since 1990
- current and alternative models, over-promising, inherent conflicts
- the role of technology in Medicine
- the requirements for clinician training and certification
- the role of statistical methods in policy and standards
- funding source options
- overhead costs
- identify facts, with scrutiny of adopted opinion and theories
- emphasize medium and long term impacts
- emphasize effectiveness, where every action produces positive, needed, and desired outcomes

## IV. Historical HSC Committee Interim Statements

## A. On 6/1/2017 the HSC issued its SB-562 Committee Statement:

The Health Systems Committee of the Carmel Valley Democratic Club has intensively reviewed the Healthy California Act (SB-562 2017) and a large body of available analysis to date. The full Committee last met on 5/31/2017.

After careful consideration the Committee at its scheduled meeting unanimously does not support passage of the Bill in its current submission (Third Reading 5/26/2017).

There is insufficient time to address the fiscal, financial and economic impacts of the Funding Analysis and Gross Receipts proposal released on 5/31/2017(Pollin-Heintz-Arno-Wicks-Lim PERI) before the expected vote in the CA State Senate on SB-562.

## B. On 7/24/2017 the Chair updated the Committee Statement to the Board, affirming the intention of the HSC Members to support SB-562 having scrutinized the available Analysis:

1. On balance there are so many of the issues about providing a stable Medical Program for Residents of the State, that it is unwise to pass up the opportunity. In particular:
  - a. Long term Medical Care currently provided by Medical (CA Medicaid) is included
  - b. Workmen's Compensation coverage is included
  - c. It covers all California Residents under the age of 65 regardless of governmental status
  - d. It corrects the error that has been repeated of assuming Capitation will control costs. It does not, and makes all services Fee-for-Service.
  - e. It corrects the error of requiring Electronic Health Records Systems of Physicians which has added 20% to Office Overhead, and 10-20% decreased productivity in Medical Offices across the Board.
2. The California Legislature should therefore offer the Bill as introduced for an up or down vote in the Legislature.
3. The Carmel Valley Democratic Club is thus urged to provide all efforts to lobby for this during the 2017 State Legislative Session.

## V. The Committee's recommendation acknowledges the many Organizations and Elected Officials supporting SB-562. These include:

- A. Healthy California
- B. California Nurses Association
- C. Physicians for a National Health Program California
- D. State Senate Principal Authors:  
Ricardo Lara (33rd), Tony Atkins (39th), Cathleen Galgiani (5th), Scott D. Wiener (11th)  
Assembly Principal Coauthors:  
Rob Bonta (18th), Jimmy Gomez (34th)
- E. California State Lieutenant Governor: Gavin Newsom
- F. United States Senator: Bernie Sanders

VI. News Links

- A. <http://www.latimes.com/politics/essential/la-pol-ca-essential-politics-updates-assembly-speaker-calls-single-payer-1498261105-htmlstory.html>
- B. <http://www.latimes.com/politics/la-pol-sac-single-payer-shelved-20170623-story.html>
- C. <http://www.nationalnursesunited.org/press/healthy-california-act-sb-562-supporters-ramp-october-actions-all-80-assembly-districts>
- D. <http://asmdc.org/> (Healthcare in California Friday, 30 June 2017 13:57)
- E. [https://ballotpedia.org/Anthony\\_Rendon\\_recall,\\_California\\_State\\_Assembly\\_\(2017\)](https://ballotpedia.org/Anthony_Rendon_recall,_California_State_Assembly_(2017))

VII. Opinion of the Committee Chair

The Chair supports diversity in the Committee's efforts. As such all points of view will be referenced and included in the final report to be submitted November 15, 2017.

Health Systems Committee Resolution (HSC-CV) - Carmel Valley Democratic Club  
Resolution to Refer SB-562-2017 California Universal Health Care to the Proper Committees  
for Consideration and Amendment

WHEREAS, the HSC-CV members agree that it is unlikely the Federal Government will act on the Crisis that is continuing. This is largely because the Affordable Care Act did not address the endemic fiscal problems, and the U.S. Congress is stripping away even the current promised funding to Health Facilities. This all increases the Federal deficit. Combined with the failure of many States to expand the Medicaid coverage, this appears to be a deliberate attempt to Bankrupt the US Health System.

WHEREAS, SB-562-2017 as passed in the California State Senate on June 1, 2017 and referred to the Assembly, provides (pays for) medical care for all California Residents under the age of 65 regardless of governmental status.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Legislature shall refer Bill SB-562-2017, as passed by the State Senate and submitted to the Assembly on June 01, 2017, to the proper Committees with due processing, consideration of amendments, and public input to define the necessary details; to submit it for an up or down vote in the California State Assembly. The Committee has followed up with a comprehensive Report to the Board on February 10, 2018 detailing its considerations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Carmel Valley Health Systems Committee recommends for the Board of Directors to accept today's Resolution, and refer it to the Club Members for Ratification utilizing our Report. The Board and the Club are encouraged to support this Resolution during the 2017-2018 State Legislative Session. This Resolution was Announced at the Club Meeting on October 23, 2017.

Submitted for the Committee by Timothy D. Bilash M.D., M.S., F.A.C.O.G. (Chair)  
First Approved October 20, 2017  
Re-approved February 15, 2018