



FACT SHEET ON INDIGENT HEALTH SERVICES

Measure A Essential Health Care Services Tax

On March 4, 2004, 71% of Alameda County voters passed Measure A, which imposed a half-cent sales tax to support emergency medical, hospital inpatient, outpatient, public health, mental health, and substance abuse services to indigent, low-income, and uninsured adults, children, families, seniors and other county residents.

Indigent Health Service Providers Funded by Measure A

Alameda Health System (formerly Alameda County Medical Center)	Children’s Hospital and Research Center Oakland	Multicultural Institute Native American Health Center
Alameda Hospital	Day Labor Center Health Services	Preventive Care Pathways
Asian Health Services	Healthy Communities, Inc.	Street Level Health Project
Axis Community Health	La Clínica de La Raza, Inc.	St. Rose Hospital
Center for Healthy Schools and Communities	Medical Costs for Juvenile Justice Center	Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center West Oakland Health Clinic

Services Provided by Measure A

- Behavioral health, acute, ambulatory, emergency, urgent and trauma services at Highland Hospital and other public hospitals and wellness centers
- Preventive oral health services to families
- Health care, vision, HIV testing, flu and other vaccination services
- Health screening services, including checking blood sugar levels and hemoglobin, urine analysis, basic vision check, administering vaccines, electrocardiogram tests, and removal of skin lesions
- Episodic care for urgent issues such as infections, musculoskeletal pain, cold/flu, and headaches
Diagnosis and treatment for chronic illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, depression, and arthritis
- Referrals to connect community members to different health care resources, as well as social services
- Educational workshops on topics such as HIV and STI transmission and prevention, sexual health, mental health, occupational health, and community wellness

Impact on Alameda County

- **39,775** uninsured residents received medical services at Alameda Health System through **297,889** outpatient visits, **82,060** visits to the Highland campus emergency room and trauma department, and **11,420** visits to John George Psychiatric Emergency Services in a year.
- **2,713** students received health education through **29** structured outreach events and over **100** health education presentations in a year by Tiburcio Vasquez Health Center.
- **1,896** Alameda County residents received benefit program application assistance in a year from HealthPAC.
- **1,121** parents and caregivers received dietary and dental health education, anticipatory guidance, and assistance in accessing dental care for their family.
- **881** health-related referrals and **888** social services-related referrals were provided along with navigation support in a year.
- **954** infants, toddlers, and young children received oral assessments and fluoride varnish applications in a year by the Office of Dental Health.
- **772** day laborers received health screenings and episodic care from Street Level Health Project.