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**MEDIA ADVISORY/PRESS CONFERENCE**

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**PRESS CONFERENCE:  
HOW GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS WILL AFFECT  
EAST BAY DENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

*2.8 Million Adults In California Set to Lose Access To Dental Health Services*

Learn about the impact of Governor Schwarzenegger's cuts to dental health services from representatives of the Oral Health Access Council and local clinic representatives.

**What: Press Conference highlighting new report on impact of budget cuts to Medi-Cal dental services benefits**

**When: Monday, May 19 from 11:30am to 12:30pm**

**Where: La Clínica de La Raza  
Fruitvale Village  
3451 E. 12th Street – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94601**

**Who: Carmela Castellano-Garcia, California Primary Care Association  
Wynne Grossman, Dental Health Foundation  
Nan Brasmer, California Alliance for Retired Americans  
Dr. Ariane Terlet, La Clinica de La Raza  
Dr. Dana Hughes, University of California, San Francisco  
Impacted Patients**

**Oakland, CA, May 16, 2008** — 2.8 million adults in California could lose access to dental services if Governor Schwarzenegger's proposal to eliminate Denti-Cal (Medi-Cal dental services benefits) for adults not living in nursing facilities as a cost cutting measure is passed. While the program's elimination would result in only a minor reduction in state outlays, it would cause the loss of at least \$115 million of federal matching funds, substitute more expensive services for less expensive treatments and preventive services, and exacerbate the problems of the safety net by placing more pressure on community clinics and emergency rooms. Eliminating adult Denti-Cal would have other significant ramifications, including lower participation by dentists in Denti-Cal and fewer children receiving oral health services.

The mission of La Clínica is to improve the quality of life of the diverse communities we serve by providing culturally appropriate, high quality and accessible health care for all. Our 24 clinical sites are located in Alameda County, Solano County and Contra Costa County. For more information about La Clínica, please visit us at [www.laclinica.org](http://www.laclinica.org)

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