

WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

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Targeted actions to expand & diversify California's health workforce

Rebuilding California's health workforce will take significant investment over a sustained period of time.

- 1. Sustain, expand pipeline and pathway programs that identify, recruit, and support students from under-represented backgrounds.
- 2. Increase capacity to train physicians, nurses, and allied health workers.
- 3. Reduce costs for all (e.g., apprentice models) and eliminate debt burden for target professions, geographies, and populations:
 - The median <u>debt load for a physician is \$200,000</u> and higher for dentistry; debt loads are increasing in nursing.
 - Students from lower-income households and first-to-college families are most negatively impacted.
- 4. Allocate *existing* resources to institutions that can document they provide outcomes aligned with state goals: primary care and behavioral health, rural placement, acceptance of Medi-Cal, racial/ethnic representation and linguistic skills.

THANK YOU



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