



## FACT SHEET ON HOSPITAL SERVICES

### Measure A Essential Health Care Services Tax

**O**n 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.

#### Hospital Service Providers Funded by Measure A

Alameda Health System (formerly Alameda County Medical Center)  
Fairmont Hospital Campus  
Highland Hospital Campus  
Eastmont Wellness Center  
Hayward Wellness Center  
Newark Wellness Center

Alameda Hospital  
Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland (CHRCO)  
San Leandro Hospital  
St. Rose Hospital  
ValleyCare Health System  
Washington Hospital

#### Services Provided by Measure A

- Behavioral health, acute, ambulatory, emergency, urgent and trauma services at Highland Hospital and other public hospitals and wellness centers
- OB/GYN (obstetrics and gynecology) services, including immediate and emergency care for pregnant women who present to the emergency room, often with no history of prenatal care
- Medical and mobile services for Medi-Cal and uninsured children
- Elective cardiac and PCI (percutaneous coronary intervention, commonly known as angioplasty) services
- Highly specialized pediatric emergency services by Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland
- Acute and non-acute forensic medical services and case management for children and youth impacted by child abuse and violence by Children's Hospital and Research Center at Oakland

#### 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.
- **46,000** visits provided through the CHRCO emergency department, 675 of which were trauma cases where the child faced a life-threatening situation in a year.
- **50%** of Alameda Health System's patient population received preventative flu vaccinations (increase of 31.7% from prior years).
- Provided more than **9,000** visits at the St. Rose Hospital Silva Pediatric Clinic to mostly uninsured and underinsured patients in a year.
- CHRCO reduced the average time children spend in its emergency department to **3.1 hours** (compared to 4.1 hours for other hospitals in its peer group).
- **951** children exposed to trauma and violence received clinical and psychotherapy services through in a year by CHRCO.