



WHAT IS MICRA?

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Britta Guerrero

Chief Executive Officer
Sacramento Native American Health Center

"States without medical liability reform suffer from shortages of providers that keeps patients from being able to access the health care they need. MICRA allows us to continue to provide high quality care to our patients."



Terri Lee Stratton

Executive Director
El Dorado Community Health Centers

"MICRA is instrumental in helping to address out-of-control medical liability costs that historically forced health care providers out of practice. MICRA's efforts have been successful in stabilizing those costs and preserving access to health care."



Alicia Hardy

Chief Executive Officer
OLE Health

"OLE Health provides quality healthcare for vulnerable, underserved communities in Napa County, an area traditionally known for world-class living and luxury. Upholding MICRA is critical to our ability to continue to provide care to more than 37,000 patients annually, including our community's most vulnerable populations -- low-income residents, children and seniors."



Jane Garcia

Chief Executive Officer
La Clínica de La Raza

"MICRA is especially critical in protecting access to specialty and high-risk services, including safety net providers that can least afford skyrocketing costs."



Jim Mangia

President and CEO
St. John's Community Health

"For decades MICRA has ensured that Californians, especially those who are low income and people of color, continue to have access to the care they need. This modernized law continues to protect patients, and allows providers to focus on caring for patients."



Tamra King

Executive Director
Harbor Community Clinic

"Our patients deserve access to the care they need when they need it. MICRA helps us keep our overhead costs down so we can focus our resources on providing high quality care."



Albert Senella

President and CEO
Tarzana Treatment Centers

"Ensuring access to a high-quality continuum of healthcare services for the most vulnerable Californians means keeping administrative costs down. MICRA ensures that our funds are spent on medical care rather than insurance liability premiums. Our patients' health depends on it."



Dean Germano

Chief Executive Officer
Shasta Community Health Center

"Rural communities already face unique challenges with provider shortages and talent retention. MICRA is essential to maintaining a stable medical liability environment to ensure our clinic is staffed with providers to continue to offer access to quality health care for vulnerable members of our community."





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Louise McCarthy

President & CEO
Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County

"California's nonprofit community clinics and health centers face enormous challenges in providing high quality, comprehensive, and affordable health care to millions of under resourced Californians. MICRA as modernized ensures stability for community clinics to allow us to continue to meet our mission."



Jason Vega

Chief Executive Officer
Central Valley Health Network

"MICRA is a crucial factor in keeping community health center administrative costs down, and as modernized, MICRA will continue to allow health centers to focus their limited resources on providing access to patient care in underserved areas."



Isabel Becerra

President & CEO
Coalition of Orange County Community Health Centers

"Our Coalition is a consortium of safety net providers and key partners that create quality healthcare for vulnerable, underserved communities in Orange County. MICRA is critical in our ability to continue to provide care to more than 340,000 patients each year throughout our clinics in the region."



Francisco Silva

President & CEO
California Primary Care Association

"Community health centers share a common mission of providing community based, high-quality access to health care that is culturally competent and accessible to all. MICRA, as modernized, provides a balance that will protect our community health centers financial ability to provide such comprehensive health care while also advancing our patients' wellbeing."



Dolores Alvarado

Chief Executive Officer
Community Health Partnership

"MICRA protections help keep our members' health center operational costs and medical liability costs affordable. This is incredibly important to us since some of our clinics are small. As modernized, this law helps ensure stable liability insurance costs, allowing us to meet our mission to serve everyone regardless of ability to pay."

