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## **Covered California Applauds the New Budget signed by Gov. Newsom that Expands Health Care Access and Turns Focus to Health Equity**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Covered California Executive Director Jessica Altman commended [Gov. Gavin Newsom signing a new budget deal](#) on Thursday, which advances the effort to improve access to equitable health coverage and care, including state subsidies for coverage through Covered California in 2023:

“Covered California applauds Gov. Newsom and the Legislature on the passage and signage of the state budget.

“The budget reflects California’s commitment to expanding access to health care for all, as well as the continued push to advance health equity for every Californian.

“As we await federal action to extend enhanced American Rescue Plan premium subsidies for Covered California, Gov. Newsom and the Legislature have taken steps through the state budget to help keep Covered California coverage affordable and improve access to care.

“We appreciate their leadership and look forward to working with federal and state leaders to get every Californian covered.”

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## About Covered California

Covered California is the state's health insurance marketplace, where Californians can find affordable, high-quality coverage from private, brand-name insurance carriers. It is the only place where individuals who qualify can get financial help to reduce their monthly premiums. Depending on their income, some people may qualify for California's low-cost or no-cost Medi-Cal program.

Covered California's mission is to increase the number of insured Californians, improve health care quality, lower costs, and reduce health care disparities through an innovative, competitive marketplace that empowers consumers to choose the health plan and providers that give them the best value. The organization is an independent part of the state government and is overseen by a five-member board appointed by the governor and the Legislature. For more information about Covered California, please visit [www.CoveredCA.com](http://www.CoveredCA.com).

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