Overview

- Undocumented population estimates
- Current sources of health coverage and care
- Potential coverage expansions
- Looking forward
Policymaking and implementation decisions require population estimates

- Difficult because few surveys ask documentation status
- Variety of methods to estimate undocumented populations
  - “Residual” method
  - Imputation methods
- PPIC method estimates size of local populations using administrative tax data (2011)
  - Individualized Tax Identification Number (ITIN)
  - New work (2015) extended method for regional estimates of family size, family income, and poverty thresholds
Some counties are home to substantial undocumented populations

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Undocumented immigrants live in every region of the state.
Health coverage and care currently available to the undocumented

- Private insurance
- Full-scope Medi-Cal coverage
  - DACA registrants
  - In May 2016, children under 19
- Limited-benefit (state-only) programs
- Emergency-only Medi-Cal
- County indigent care programs
Indigent care not provided to undocumented in all counties

![Bar chart showing the estimate of undocumented immigrants in various regions.]

- **Other regions**
- **Coastal regions**
- **Central Valley**
- **Greater Bay Area**
- **Other Southern California**
- **Los Angeles**

The chart compares counties where indigent programs cover undocumented immigrants versus those that do not.
Potential health coverage expansions

- Medi-Cal coverage for low-income adults
  - New DACA/DAPA if implemented
  - State legislative proposals
- Federal waiver to allow undocumented to purchase plans through Covered California
  - No financial assistance
- Comprehensive immigration reform
Slight majority of undocumented would be income-eligible for Medi-Cal

Share of undocumented immigrants by family income levels

- Under 138% FPL: 36
- 138%–250% FPL: 9
- 250%–400% FPL: 3
- Over 400% FPL: 51
Share eligible for Medi-Cal varies by insurance region

Share of undocumented immigrants with income below 138% FPL
- 36%–43%
- 43%–50%
- 51%–57%
- 57%–64%
What about those above the Medi-Cal threshold?

Los Angeles County
Inland Empire
Central Valley–San Joaquin area
Central Coast–Southern
Orange County
San Diego County
Santa Clara County
Alameda County

- Over 400% FPL
- 250%–400% FPL
- 138%–250% FPL
- Under 138% FPL
Without subsidies, Covered CA will not be affordable for many

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Looking forward

- Still more than 1 million undocumented immigrants without insurance
- Health care safety net providers responsible for care need support
- Research and public opinion favor expanding options for coverage
- Without comprehensive immigration reform, California may continue to lead the way
  - Medi-Cal for children is first step
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