

Resolution in Support of the PEACE Act

WHEREAS, the PEACE Act, introduced by Assemblymember Sydney Kamlager, will increase patient protections by prohibiting health facilities from limiting access to necessary medical services based upon nonclinical purposes¹;

WHEREAS, the PEACE Act will help protect the right of every individual, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to comprehensive medical care by prohibiting health facilities from limiting access to medical services based upon non-clinical criteria, such as religious doctrine and profit maximization¹;

WHEREAS, hospital mergers and affiliations have impacted patient care by creating monopolies that allow them to charge exorbitant prices and deny certain types of medical care based on non-clinical criteria, such as shareholder profits and religious doctrine⁴;

WHEREAS, private equity firms acquire physician practices, shareholders maximize profits by forcing physicians to direct more referrals internally, by setting billing quotas, and by removing unprofitable medical services altogether⁴;

WHEREAS, the PEACE Act ensures that patients have access to necessary and comprehensive medical care as recommended by their physician and other healthcare professionals⁴;

WHEREAS, Senator Scott Wiener introduced SB 379², which uses the UC contract as a bargaining tool with Dignity Health and would cause thousands of patients across the state to lose access to their healthcare providers;

WHEREAS, both Dignity Health and the UC Health system are one of the top two providers for low- income Californians under Medi-Cal³;

WHEREAS, SB 379 would remove medical students, residents, and fellows from their trainee positions at Dignity's hospital;

¹ <https://asmdc.org/press-releases/asm-kamlagers-bill-prohibits-health-care-facilities-limiting-access-comprehensive>

² https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=202120220SB379

³ <https://www.kqed.org/news/11859831/catholic-hospitals-can-keep-uc-doctors-from-providing-abortions-a-new-bill-could-change-that>

⁴ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xqR7sAKPRefHGref0H7ZvuB3ozRSDs4M/view?usp=sharing>

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that USAC acknowledges that corporations should not be granted the authority to deny a patient care based on "personal beliefs" or profit motives that conflict with the clinical decision-making of physicians and other healthcare providers;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that a bill that would protect the right of every individual, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, to comprehensive medical care by prohibiting health facilities from limiting access to medical services based on personal beliefs is needed;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UCLA Undergraduate Students Association supports the concept of the SB 379 bill in regard to increasing access to care, but recognizes that the policy itself will have a devastating effect on health care throughout the state and requests that Senator Weiner withdraw his bill;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the UCLA Undergraduate Student Association supports the PEACE Act and calls on all levels of UCLA administration to support it as well.