



Assemblyman Brian Dahle has been dedicated to rural health care and helping to address the many challenges faced by frontier and critical access facilities. He has worked closely with rural hospital administrations to identify the needs of the communities and the population served.

As rural, frontier hospital facilities we serve a large demographic area with a diverse population. Access to quality care is essential. California rural hospitals often are challenged with circumstance unique to their demographic. Having a legislator willing to listen to concerns, needs and challenges has been a resource that has enabled these facilities to continue to provide the much needed services in small communities.

Assemblyman Dahle has helped in many ways, a few of the most significant to the continued operation of California Rural Hospitals have been:

- Legislation aimed to streamline regulations so hospital modernization projects could move forward faster with a lower cost.
- A bipartisan effort to pass legislation to make it easier for Critical Access Hospitals to recruit and employ physicians ensuring that rural residents have access to healthcare.

Of the biggest significance to the viability of rural hospital facilities was supporting the effort to reduce budget cuts that threatened to close rural hospitals.

In 2011, the state budget cut Medi-Cal reimbursement rates. Many rural hospitals with Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) were faced with a 25 percent reimbursement rate reduction. This threatened the viability of both the SNF and the connected hospitals.

In 2016, an agreement passed by the Legislature, in which Dahle was a proponent and strong advocate, restored Medi-Cal reimbursement cuts made between 2011 and 2013, bringing back \$12 million to rural hospitals in the 1st Assembly District and allowing rural skilled nursing facilities and hospitals throughout the state to keep their doors open.

California Rural Hospitals are in a better position because of the efforts of Assemblyman Dahle.

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