

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN MEDICAL SERVICES**

Notice is hereby given that the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors will conduct a Beilenson Hearing pursuant to Section 1442.5 of the California Health and Safety Code (Beilenson Act) on the closure, elimination, or reduction of medical services provided by the County of Santa Barbara Health Department. The Beilenson Hearing will be held on:

June 16, 2026 at 9:00am or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard

County Administration Building

Board Hearing Room

105 East Anapamu Street , Fourth Floor

Santa Barbara

At this hearing, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara will consider the impact of the proposed elimination or reduction of medical services. Public testimony, both oral and written, will be accepted at this hearing. At any time prior to the hearing, any interested person may file written comments on the proposed action with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara.

The County of Santa Barbara County Health Department (CHD) has prepared the attached list of proposed closure, elimination, or reduction of medical services that are subject to a Beilenson Hearing. Further information is available by telephoning County Health at (805) 681-5102 or emailing at hlacruz@sbcphd.org.

Name of Service and Location	Description of Proposed Reduction or Elimination effective June 30, 2026	Expected County Savings	Number of Clients/Patients Estimated to be Impacted
<p>Phlebotomy Services at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lompoc Health Center at 301 N R St. Lompoc, CA 93436-5160 • Santa Maria Health Center at 2115 Centerpointe Pkwy Building B Santa Maria, CA 93455 	<p>Discontinuation phlebotomy services at both the Lompoc and Santa Maria Health Centers, with services ending on June 30, 2026.</p> <p>To prepare for this transition, patients in Santa Maria and Lompoc who require phlebotomy services will be referred to the County Health Department’s contracted laboratories, Quest Diagnostics and Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories.</p>	<p>The proposed changes include eliminating 4.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Lab Assistant positions—3.5 FTE currently filled and 1.0 FTE vacant—resulting in total projected savings of \$533,000 in Fiscal Year 2026–2027.</p>	<p>According to annual averages from February 2025:</p> <p>Lompoc Health Center: 4,486 patents per year will be referred to contracted labs.</p> <p>Santa Maria Health Center: 3,220 patients per year will be referred to contracted labs.</p>
<p>Pharmacy Services at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lompoc Health Center at 301 N R St. Lompoc, CA 93436-5160 • Santa Maria Health Center at 2115 Centerpointe Pkwy Building B 	<p>The County Health Department will be consolidating the County’s three pharmacies into one. As such, the Santa Barbara and Santa Maria Health Center pharmacies will be closing. The Santa Barbara and Santa Maria pharmacies will close effective June 30, 2026, and operations will continue solely at the Lompoc Pharmacy beginning July 1, 2026.</p> <p>Patients will have the choice of being referred to a contracted provider</p>	<p>The Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026–2027 includes approximately \$8.46 million in savings. These savings result from the elimination of 9.0 FTE, including three Pharmacist positions and six Pharmacy Technician positions.</p>	<p>Santa Barbara Health Center Pharmacy: 1,805 patients.</p> <p>Santa Maria Health Center Pharmacy: 1,942 patients.</p> <p>Patients will have the choice of being referred to a contracted provider (Walgreens) in their area,</p>

<p>Santa Maria, CA 93455</p>	<p>(Walgreens) in their area, including Santa Maria and Goleta.</p> <p>Additionally, Franklin and Carpinteria Health Center patients will continue to receive their medications at their respective sites, with their prescriptions now being filled through the Lompoc Pharmacy instead of the Santa Barbara Pharmacy.</p> <p>County Health will continue operating its internal Patient Assistance Program (PAP), which supports uninsured and underinsured patients. For PAP participants only, we will be adding the Santa Barbara and Santa Maria health centers to our prescription delivery workflow to ensure continued access for patients at these locations.</p>		<p>including Santa Maria and Goleta.</p>
<p>Nephrology Services at: Santa Barbara Health Center located at 345 Camino Del Remedio, Bldg. 4, Floor 2, Santa Barbara, CA, 93110</p>	<p>Discontinuing Nephrology specialty services at the Santa Barbara Health Center.</p> <p>To support continuity of care, County Health has developed a comprehensive transition plan that allows patients to continue seeing their current nephrologist at their private office.</p>	<p>The Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 includes savings of approximately \$32,000.</p>	<p>93 patients per year will be referred to other providers in the County.</p>

<p>Urology Services at: Santa Barbara Health Center located at 345 Camino Del Remedio, Bldg. 4, Floor 2, Santa Barbara, CA, 93110</p>	<p>Discontinuing Urology specialty services at the Santa Barbara Health Center. To support continuity of care, County Health has developed a comprehensive transition plan that includes multiple referral sources for this specialty service.</p>	<p>The Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 includes savings of approximately \$42,000.</p>	<p>236 patients per year will be referred to other providers in the County.</p>
<p>Neurology Services at: Santa Barbara Health Center located at 345 Camino Del Remedio, Bldg. 4, Floor 2, Santa Barbara, CA, 93110</p>	<p>Discontinuing Neurology specialty services at the Santa Barbara Health Center. To support continuity of care, County Health has developed a comprehensive transition plan that allows patients to continue seeing their current neurologist at their private office.</p>	<p>The Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 includes savings of approximately \$123,000.</p>	<p>298 patients per year will be referred to other providers in the County.</p>
<p>Gastroenterology Services at: Santa Barbara Health Center located at 345 Camino Del Remedio, Bldg. 4, Floor 2, Santa Barbara, CA, 93110</p>	<p>Discontinuing Gastroenterology specialty services at the Santa Barbara Health Center. To support continuity of care, County Health has developed a comprehensive transition plan that allows patients to continue seeing their current neurologist at their private office.</p>	<p>The Recommended Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 includes savings of approximately \$34,000.</p>	<p>165 patients per year will be referred to other providers in the County.</p>