

# Impacts to Medical Services Provided by the County of Santa Barbara

A Beilenson Act Public Hearing

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# The Beilenson Act

- This hearing is required under the Beilenson Act so the public can learn about and comment on proposed medical service changes.
- These changes are included in the FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget.
- A 24-hour information line is available for questions and support: (805) 681-5100.



# Transition of In-House Phlebotomy Services

- Proposed Change:
  - Discontinuation of in-house phlebotomy services (blood draw)
    - Currently only in Santa Maria and Lompoc
    - Inconsistent Operating Schedule
- Expected Savings:
  - \$533,000 annually
- Patient Impact:
  - Patients referred to community lab partners (Quest Diagnostics and Pacific Diagnostic Laboratories)
    - Multiple lab locations within 1-2 miles of impacted locations
    - Reliable, consistent schedules and hours at lab partners
    - Earlier morning availability and later afternoon/evening hours
  - Sliding-fee discounts remain fully available

## Same Pricing, Reliable & Consistent Hours

**Santa Maria Health Center**  
2115 Centerpointe Pkwy, Santa Maria, CA 93455  
Phone: (805) 346-7230  
Mon–Fri: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
Last draw at 12:00 pm  
Saturday–Sunday: Closed  
**Limited availability — no afternoon, no weekends**

**Pacific Diagnostic Lab — E Barcellus**  
426 E Barcellus Ave Ste 203, Santa Maria, CA 93454  
Phone: (805) 879-8100  
Mon–Fri: 7:00 am – 12:00 pm & 1:00–5:00 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Sunday: Closed  
**Earlier start · Full afternoon hours · Saturday**

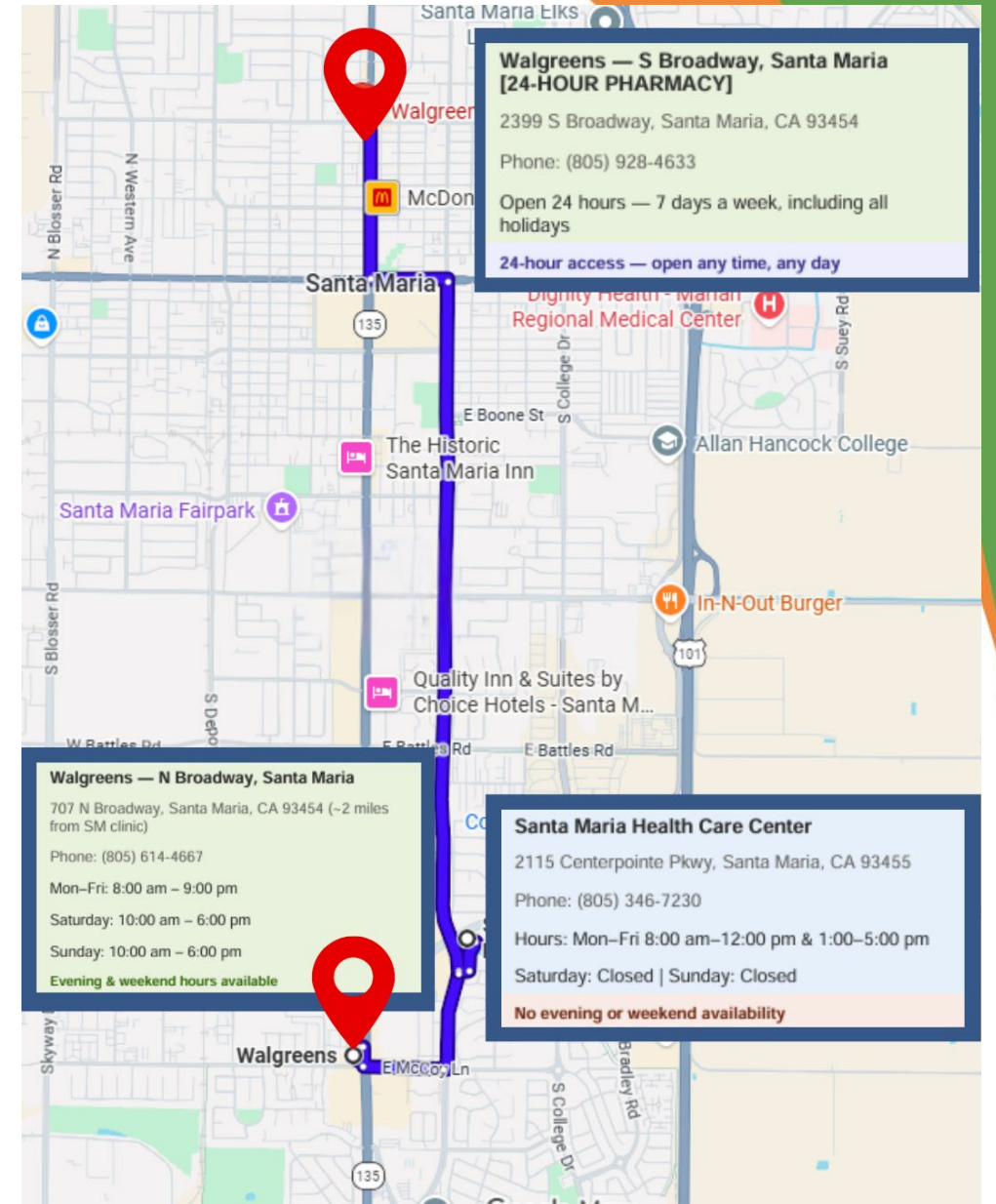
**Quest Diagnostics — Santa Maria**  
2345 S Broadway Ste D, Santa Maria, CA 93455  
Phone: (805) 863-9045  
Mon–Fri: 7:00 am – 3:30 pm  
Saturday: 7:00 am – 11:00 am  
Sunday: Closed  
**Earlier start · Saturday availability**

**Pacific Diagnostic Lab — Lompoc**  
1313 N H St Ste 120, Lompoc, CA 93436  
Phone: (805) 879-8100  
Mon–Fri: 7:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Saturday–Sunday: Closed  
**Earlier start · Consistent weekday hours**

**Lompoc Health Center**  
508 W Laurel Ave, Lompoc, CA 93436  
Phone: (805) 737-6543  
Posted: Mon–Fri 7:30 am – 5:00 pm  
Actual hours vary — staffing dependent  
Saturday–Sunday: Closed  
**Inconsistent hours — subject to change without notice**

# Consolidation of Pharmacy Services

- **Proposed Change:**
  - Pharmacy services in Santa Barbara and Santa Maria will shift to community options and the Lompoc Health Care Center Pharmacy
- **Expected Savings:**
  - \$8.46 million annually
- **Patient Impact:**
  - Patients keep the same medication pricing as they have through County Health
  - Patients have more flexibility to meet their pharmacy needs
    - Extended hours (Walgreens is open nights and weekends)
    - Additional locations (multiple Walgreens locations, and within a couple miles of County Health's impacted locations)
  - Franklin and Carpinteria Health Center pharmacy services remain unchanged.
  - Services for uninsured patients and those with limited financial resources will be filled at the Lompoc pharmacy and delivered to the Santa Barbara and Santa Maria Health Centers for pick up



# Discontinuation of Some Specialty Services

- Proposed Change:
  - Discontinuation of Nephrology, Urology, Neurology, and Gastroenterology specialty services at the Santa Barbara Clinic
  - These specialties are **not offered** at other County clinics
- Expected Savings:
  - \$231,000 annually
- Patient Impact:
  - Impacted patients referred to trusted specialists within the CenCal Health network
  - Care teams are assisting with appointment coordination, medical record transfers, and transition-of-care support.
  - Primary care services remain fully available and unchanged across County Health.

## Recommended Actions

- a) Conduct a public hearing to discuss the closure, elimination, or reduction of medical services provided by the County of Santa Barbara;
- b) Designate County Health to provide a 24-hour information service that can give eligible people immediate information on the available services and access to them, and to receive and respond to complaints from individuals eligible for services under Health and Safety Code Chapter 2.5 (sections 1440-1498); and
- c) Determine that the above-recommended actions are not a project that is subject to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378(b)[5], finding that the actions consist of administrative activities of government that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.