

Hundreds rally for health care reform at San Francisco City Hall



Palmer, a doctor at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center in Martinez, and her daughter, Raven Roy, 3, listen to speakers during the rally. (Photo by John C. Liau.)

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Hundreds of Bay Area residents — from youngsters to seniors — gathered at San Francisco’s City Hall Wednesday to begin the final push for a campaign for national health care reform.

The crowd included physicians, as well as members of labor, Organizing for America, MoveOn, Code Pink, ACORN, Health Care for America Now and residents including former San Francisco Supervisor Aaron Peskin, the current chair of the San Francisco Democratic Party.



Raven Roy plays with a sign while listening to speakers at the rally. (Photo by John C. Liau.)



Several people at the rally were busy programming the phone number for Congress on their cell phones at the rally. Congress will return on Sept. 8 from a monthlong recess to resume work on the landmark overhaul of the \$2.5 trillion national healthcare system. (Photo by Steve Rhodes.)



More than a few people at the rally wore — or carried signs — referring to the late U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy, who actively advocated health care reform. (Photo by Steve Rhodes.)

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