

2016 Legislative Priorities – October 3, 2016

Priority 1

AB 1954

AUTHOR: Burke [D]
TITLE: **Direct Access to Reproductive Health Act**

LOCATION: Signed into law by the Governor

Position:
Co-Sponsor/
Support

SUMMARY:
Would require every health care service plan contract or health insurance policy issued, amended, renewed, or delivered on or after January 1, 2017, to provide coverage for reproductive and sexual health care services, as defined, through out-of-network providers under specified circumstances. The bill would prohibit those plan contracts or insurance policies from requiring an enrollee or insured to receive a referral prior to accessing reproductive or sexual health care services.

SB 999

AUTHOR: Pavley [D]
TITLE: **Health insurance: contraceptives: annual supply**

LOCATION: Signed into law by the Governor

Position:
Co-Sponsor/
Support

SUMMARY:
Would require a health care service plan or a health insurance policy issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2017, to cover a 12-month supply of FDA-approved, self-administered hormonal contraceptives dispensed at one time by a prescriber, pharmacy, or onsite at a location licensed or authorized to dispense drugs or supplies.

Priority 2

AB 2081

AUTHOR: Grove [R]
TITLE: **Health care service plans: abortion coverage**

LOCATION: Assembly Health Committee, did not advance

Position:
Oppose

SUMMARY:
Would provide that a health care service plan is not required to include abortion as a covered benefit. The bill would prohibit the director from denying a license, or disciplining a licensee, on the basis that the plan excludes coverage for abortions.

AB 2775 **AUTHOR:** Gallagher [R]
TITLE: **Abortion services facilities: pregnancy center notice**

LOCATION: Assembly Health Committee, did not advance

SUMMARY:
 Position: Would require a facility that offers abortion services to disseminate a notice to
 Oppose clients, as specified, providing the contact information for a specified
 organization and stating that pregnancy centers can provide women with
 services that include counseling, pregnancy tests, sexually transmitted disease
 or sexually transmitted infection (STD/STI) testing, ultrasound services, support
 groups, parenting programs, and material assistance.

SB 447 **AUTHOR:** Allen [D]
TITLE: **Medi-Cal: clinics: Drugs, devices, and supplies.**

LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations, held in committee

SUMMARY:
 Would streamline the process that community clinics use to bill and be
 reimbursed for contraceptive drugs, devices and supplies dispensed on site.

Priority 3

AB 1671 **AUTHOR:** Gomez [D]
TITLE: **Confidential video communications: disclosure**

LOCATION: Signed into law by the Governor

SUMMARY:
 Position: Current law, with specified exemptions, makes it a crime to intentionally record
 Support a confidential communication without the consent of all parties to the
 communication. This bill would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact
 legislation to prohibit any person from intentionally video recording a
 confidential communication, or disclosing or distributing that communication,
 without obtaining the consent of all parties to the communication.

AB 2053 **AUTHOR:** Gonzalez [D]
TITLE: **Licensed Health Center Expansion and Consolidation Act**

LOCATION: Signed into law by the Governor

SUMMARY:
 Position: Current law provides that no application for licensure is required if a licensed
 Support primary care clinic adds a service that is not a special service, as defined, or
 remodels or modifies an existing primary care clinic site, but requires the clinic
 to notify the department of these events, as specified. This bill would, among

other things, expand that exception from licensure, and that notice requirement, to include a licensed primary care clinic that adds an additional physical plant maintained and operated on separate premises.

AB 2134 **AUTHOR:** Waldron [R]
 TITLE: **Clinics: notice: abortion pill reversal**

 LOCATION: Assembly Health Committee, did not advance

 SUMMARY:
Position: The bill would require licensed covered facilities protected by the Reproductive
Oppose FACT Act to post a public notice advising clients that it may be possible to
 reverse the effects of the abortion pill.

AB 2216 **AUTHOR:** Bonta [D]
 TITLE: **Teaching health center graduate medical education: grant program**

 LOCATION: Senate Appropriations, held in committee

 SUMMARY:
Position: Would require the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development and the
Support State Department of Health Care Services to provide technical assistance as
 follows: (1) to support the expansion of primary care residency programs at
 THCGME programs, (2) to THCGME programs in federally qualified health
 centers (FQHCs) and rural health clinics to support the maximizing of federal
 financial participation, and (3) to Medi-Cal providers, including FQHCs,
 community mental health centers, rural health clinics, Indian Health Service or
 tribal clinics, and Title X family planning clinics interested in establishing an
 accredited primary care residency program.

SB 10 **AUTHOR:** Lara [D]
 TITLE: **Health care coverage: immigration status**

 LOCATION: Signed into law by the Governor

 SUMMARY:
Position: This bill would allow undocumented immigrants to obtain health care coverage
Support from the American Health Benefit Exchange through a waiver. The bill would
 also require that individuals eligible to purchase California qualified health plans
 pay the cost of coverage without federal assistance.

SB 960 **AUTHOR:** Hernandez [D]
 TITLE: **Medi-Cal: telehealth: reproductive health care**

 LOCATION: Senate Appropriations, held in committee

 SUMMARY:
Position: Current law provides that, to the extent that federal financial participation is
Support available, face-to-face contact between a health care provider and a patient is

not required under the Medi-Cal program for "teleophthalmology, teledermatology and teledentistry by store and forward," as defined to mean the asynchronous transmission of medical information to be reviewed at a later time by a licensed physician or optometrist, as specified, at a distant site. This bill would enact similar provisions relating to the use of reproductive health care under the Medi-Cal program.

HR 32

AUTHOR: Atkins [D]
TITLE: **Relative to women's reproductive health**
LOCATION: ADOPTED

Position:
Support

SUMMARY:
Would state that the Assembly urges the President of the United States and the United States Congress to express their support for a woman's fundamental right to control her own reproductive decisions, as well as their support for access to comprehensive reproductive health care, including the services provided by Planned Parenthood.

SJR 19

AUTHOR: Jackson [D]
TITLE: **Women's reproductive health**
LOCATION: ADOPTED

Position:
Support

SUMMARY:
This measure would request the President and the Congress of the United States to express their support for access to comprehensive reproductive health care, including the services provided by Planned Parenthood, and to oppose efforts to eliminate federal funding for Planned Parenthood.