

2018 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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Priority 1

SB 1023 **AUTHOR:** Hernandez [D]
TITLE: **Expanding access through technology - reproductive health care coverage**

LOCATION: Senate Health Committee

SUMMARY:

Position: This bill seeks to expand access to covered sexual and reproductive health care
Sponsor/ benefits by allowing enrollees in the Medi-Cal and Family PACT programs to
Support obtain care remotely through technology platforms.

Priority 2

SB 974 **AUTHOR:** Lara (D)
TITLE: **Medi-Cal: immigration status: adults**

LOCATION: Senate Health Committee

SUMMARY:

Position: This bill would extend eligibility for full-scope Medi-Cal benefits to individuals of
Support all ages who are otherwise eligible for those benefits but for their immigration
 status.

SB 1125 **AUTHOR:** Atkins (D)
TITLE: **Same day billing**

LOCATION: Senate Health Committee

SUMMARY:

Position: This bill would authorize federally qualified health centers and rural health
Support clinics to receive reimbursement for 2 visits taking place on the same day at a
 single location if after the first visit the patient suffers illness or injury requiring
 additional diagnosis or treatment, or if the patient has a medical visit and
 another health visit, as defined.

Priority 3

AB 2204 **AUTHOR:** Gray (D)
TITLE: **Clinics: licensure and regulation: exemption**

LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee

SUMMARY:

Position: This bill seeks to exempt a clinic that is operated by a primary care community
Support or free clinic and on separate premises from the licensed clinic, and open for
 limited services for no more than 40 hours a week, from certain licensing
 requirements.

AB 2289 **AUTHOR:** Weber (D)
TITLE: **Pupil rights: pregnant and parenting pupils**

LOCATION: Assembly Education Committee

SUMMARY:

Position: The bill would require schools to allow a parenting pupil who gives or expects to
Support give birth up to 6 weeks of parental leave or 8 weeks of parental leave for a
 caesarian section birth or birth with complications, and to allow a parenting
 pupil not giving birth up to 4 weeks of parental leave after the birth.

AB 2428 **AUTHOR:** Gonzalez Fletcher (D)
TITLE: **Federally Qualified Health Centers: Rural Clinics**

LOCATION: Assembly Health Committee

SUMMARY:

Position: This bill would exempt a primary care clinic with additional locations, as defined,
Support added to its primary care clinic license from the requirement to separately enroll
 the additional locations as separate providers and from the requirement to
 submit a complete application package, as described above, if the primary care
 clinic has notified the department of its additional locations.

AB 2601 **AUTHOR:** Weber (D)
TITLE: **Pupil instruction: sexual health education: charter
 schools**

LOCATION: Assembly Appropriations Committee

SUMMARY:

Position: Existing law, the California Healthy Youth Act, requires school districts, as
Support defined, to ensure that all pupils in grades 7 to 12, inclusive, receive
 comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education, as
 specified. This bill would also require charter schools to ensure that all pupils in
 grades 7 to 12, inclusive, receive comprehensive sexual health education and
 HIV prevention education, as specified. By imposing additional requirements on
 charter schools, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

SB 320 **AUTHOR:** Leyva (D)
TITLE: **Public health: public postsecondary education: on-campus student health centers: abortion by medication techniques**

LOCATION: Passed Senate Floor

SUMMARY:
Position: The bill would require, on and after January 1, 2022, each public university
Support student health center, as defined, to offer medication abortions on campus, only
to the extent that private moneys are made available for funding, as specified.

SB 945 **AUTHOR:** Atkins (D)
TITLE: **Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Program**

LOCATION: Senate Health Committee

SUMMARY:
Position: Current law defines "period of coverage" as beginning when an individual is
Support made eligible for a covered condition and not to exceed 18 or 24 months,
respectively, for a diagnosis of breast cancer or a diagnosis of cervical cancer.
This bill would delete that definition and, instead, provide that the treatment
services be provided for the duration of the period of treatment for an individual
made eligible for treatment due to a diagnosis of breast cancer or cervical
cancer, as long as the individual continues to meet all other eligibility
requirements.

SB 1108 **AUTHOR:** Hernandez (D)
TITLE: **Medi-Cal: conditions of eligibility or coverage.**

LOCATION: Senate Health Committee

SUMMARY:
Position: Would prohibit the State Department of Health Care Services from seeking or
Support obtaining a Medicaid demonstration project or waiver to require work or
community engagement activities as a condition of Medi-Cal eligibility or
coverage, to require waiting periods, time limits, or coverage lockouts, as
specified, or to require any other condition of Medi-Cal eligibility or coverage not
authorized by any other provision of state law or federal statute or regulation.

Watch

AB 1779 **AUTHOR:** Nazarian (D)
TITLE: **Sexual orientation: change efforts**

LOCATION: Assembly Committee on Business & Professions

SUMMARY:
Position: Would prohibit a mental health provider from engaging in sexual orientation
Watch change efforts with a patient, regardless of age, under a conservatorship or a
guardianship.

AB 1791 **AUTHOR:** Waldron (R)
TITLE: **Physicians and surgeons: continuing education**

LOCATION: Assembly Committee on Business & Professions

SUMMARY:
Position: Current law provides for the licensure and regulation of physicians and surgeons by the Medical Board of California. Under that act, the board is required to Watch
adopt and administer standards for the continuing education of physicians and surgeons. This bill would require the board, in determining continuing education requirements, to consider including a course in integrating HIV/AIDS pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) medication maintenance and counseling in primary care settings, as specified.

AB 1868 **AUTHOR:** Cunningham (R)
TITLE: **Pupil instruction: sexual health education: sexually suggestive or sexually explicit materials**

LOCATION: Assembly Committee on Education

SUMMARY:
Position: Would explicitly authorize a school district to provide optional instruction, as Watch
part of comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education, regarding the potential risks and consequences of creating and sharing sexually suggestive or sexually explicit materials through cellular telephones, social networking Internet Web sites, computer networks, or other digital media.

AB 2174 **AUTHOR:** Waldron (R)
TITLE: **Health care coverage: essential health benefits**

LOCATION: Introduced in the Assembly

SUMMARY:
Position: The Knox-Keene Health Care Service Plan Act of 1975 requires an individual or Watch
small group health care service plan contract issued, amended, or renewed on or after January 1, 2017, to, at a minimum, cover essential health benefits, and defines "essential health benefits" to include health benefits covered by other particular benchmark plans, including a certain plan offered during the first quarter of 2014. A willful violation of the act is a crime. This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to this provision.

AB 2203 **AUTHOR:** Gray (D)
TITLE: **Medi-Cal: primary care services**

LOCATION: Introduced in the Assembly

SUMMARY:
Position: This bill seeks to require that the basic Medi-Cal rate for primary care services Watch
provided by a primary care service provider be not less than 100% of the payment rate that applies to those services as established by the Medicare Program, as specified. The bill would make the payment increases inapplicable to provider rates for specified program services provided to individuals who are not eligible for the Medi-Cal program or the Family Planning, Access, Care, and Treatment (Family PACT) Program.

AB 2315 **AUTHOR:** Quirk-Silva (D)
TITLE: **Pupil health: health care: telehealth services**

LOCATION: Introduced in the Assembly

SUMMARY:

Position: This bill would authorize a school district maintaining kindergarten or any of
Watch grades 1 to 12, inclusive, to partner with a health care provider to provide
telehealth services, as defined.

AB 2476 **AUTHOR:** Rubio (D)
TITLE: Health and care facilities

LOCATION: Introduced in the Assembly

SUMMARY:

Position: Current law, which became operative on January 1, 2018, provides that all
Watch regulations relating to licensed primary care clinics in effect on December 31,
1977, which were adopted by the department, remain in full force and effect
until altered, amended, or repealed by the department. This bill would make
those provisions inoperative until January 1, 2020, and until that date, would
instead require those clinics to comply with specified federal certification
standards until regulations are adopted by the department. By expanding the
scope of a crime, the bill would impose a state mandated local program.

AB 2682 **AUTHOR:** Burke (D)
TITLE: **Health and care facilities**

LOCATION: Introduced in the Assembly

SUMMARY:

Position: Would authorize a nurse-midwife to practice in a variety of settings without
Watch supervision by a physician and surgeon subject to certain situations requiring
consultation or co-management with, or referral or transfer to, a physician and
surgeon. The bill would also require all emergencies to be referred to a
physician and surgeon immediately. By imposing new requirements, the
violation of which would be a crime, this bill would impose a state-mandated
local program.

SB 910 **AUTHOR:** Hernandez (D)
TITLE: Limiting Junk Insurance: Short-Term Insurance Plans

LOCATION: Introduced in the Senate

SUMMARY:

Position: SB 910 would protect consumers from buying junk insurance plans in the
Watch individual market. SB 910 would ban the sales of short term insurance plans – a
form of junk insurance. Short-term insurance is bad for consumers because it
lacks basic consumer protections and essential health benefits that cover
prescription drugs, maternity care, mental health, and other vital services.
Short-term insurance plans also lack important ACA consumer protections: they
do not provide comprehensive coverage or cover essential health benefits, and
people with pre-existing conditions can be denied coverage or have their
coverage dropped when they get sick.

SB 1058

AUTHOR: Mendoza (D)
TITLE: **Health facilities**

LOCATION: Introduced in the Senate

Position:
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SUMMARY:

Current law defines a health facility as a facility, place, or building that is organized, maintained, and operated for the diagnosis, care, prevention, and treatment of human illness, as specified. Current law includes several types of facilities, such as a general acute care hospital, a skilled nursing facility, or a hospice facility, within the definition of a health facility. This bill would make technical, non-substantive changes to that provision.