

Community Health Councils – Health Systems Priority Bills 2018

Bill	Author	Topic	Summary	CHC Action	Co-Sponsors	Fact Sheet
SB 974	Lara	Medi-Cal for Undocumented Adults	Extends Medi-Cal coverage to low-income, undocumented immigrants	Member of Health 4 All Coalition Member of Care 4 All CA Support, Letter Sent	California Immigrant and Policy Center, Health Access. Health 4 All Coalition	Fact Sheet
SB 1152	Hernandez	Hospital patient discharge process: homeless patients	Establishes clear protocol for discharging homeless patients after a hospital stay to halt “patient dumping” and make sure all people are treated with dignity when seeking medical care	Support, Letter Sent	California Immigrant and Policy Center, Health Access,	Fact Sheet
SB 1108	Hernandez	Medi-Cal: Conditions of eligibility or coverage	Prohibits DHCS from seeking or obtaining a federal Medicaid waiver to require work requirements, waiting periods, time limits, coverage lockouts, or any other condition of Medi-Cal eligibility or coverage not authorized by state or federal law	Support, Letter Sent	Western Center on Law and Poverty	Fact Sheet
AB 2275	Arambula	Medi-Cal managed care quality assessment and performance improvement	Improves quality of health care services provided by Medi-Cal managed care plans and reduce health disparities for enrollees by: 1) hold health plans accountable for year-over-year quality improvements 2) develop a stakeholder process to set specific targets for reducing health disparities 3) set financial incentives for health plans providing better quality health care that results in more equitable health outcomes and 4) publicly rate health plans on the quality of services they provide	Support, Letter Sent Member of Care 4 All CA	California Pan-Ethnic Health Network and Western Center on Law and Poverty	Fact Sheet

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SB 456	Pan	Care Coordination	Allows FQHCs to be reimbursed for services that promote care coordination and wellness in ways not covered by the Prospective Payment System, including services associated with projects like Whole Person Care.	Support	California Primary Care Association	
SB 1125	Atkins	Same-day Billing	Allows community health centers, FQHCs, and Rural Health Centers (RHC) to bill Medi-Cal for two visits if a patient is provided mental health services on the same day they receive other medical services.	Support	California Primary Care Association	Fact Sheet
AB 2299	Chu	Medi-Cal: managed care plans: informational materials	Requires DHCS to ensure that all written health education and informing materials produced by managed health care plans, whether in English or threshold languages, are subject to a readability checklist and a community review.	Support	Women’s Policy Institute and Western Center on Law and Poverty	
AB 2430	Arambula	Medi-Cal: program for aged and disabled persons	Raises Medi-Cal Aged and Disabled income level to 138% FPL, an amount equivalent to most other Medi-Cal income levels for adults	Member of Care 4 All CA	Justice in Aging, Western Center on Law and Poverty, Disability Rights CA	Fact Sheet
AB 2499	Arambula	Health care coverage: medical loss ratios	Increases by 5% the medical loss ratio requirement of plans sold in the large group market to 90% and small or individual market to 85%. Also removes requirement to issue emergency regulations in case of conflict with federal regulation as the statute goes beyond federal regulations	Member of Care 4 All	Health Access	Fact Sheet