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Assembly Bills				
AB 4/Arambula A – Health	Expands Medi-Cal to all undocumented adults with income at or below 138% FPL, contingent on appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget Act or other measure. Expands requirements of eligibility and enrollment plan to ensure individual maintains continuity of care. Requires DHCS to work with counties and public hospitals to maximize federal financial participation.	S-2 2/25/21		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
AB 6/Levine A – Health	Requires the Department of Social Services (CDSS) and the Department of Public Health (CDPH) to develop health and safety guidelines/best practices for skilled nursing facilities, intermediate care facilities, and congregate living facilities providing post-acute care during a pandemic, public health crisis, or other emergency.	Watch 2/25/21		Communicable Disease Control
AB 32/Aguiar-Curry A – Health	Requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to indefinitely continue telehealth flexibilities established during the COVID-19 pandemic. Authorizes providers to enroll and recertify beneficiaries in certain Medi-Cal programs remotely, including the Family PACT program. Requires health services provided by an enrolled clinic through telehealth to be reimbursed by Medi-Cal on the same basis, to the same extent, and at the same payment rate as in-person health services. Requires DHCS to seek necessary federal approvals. Requires DHCS to convene an advisory group that includes specified representatives, including designated public hospitals and counties.	S-2 2/25/21	Sponsors: CAPH; California Health+ Advocates/California Primary Care Association (CPCA); CMA; Essential Access Health; Planned Parenthood Affiliates of CA; AltaMed	Access to Health Services

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AB 45/Aguiar-Curry A – Health	Allows for the manufacture of dietary supplements, food, beverages, cosmetics, or pet foods that include industrial hemp or cannabinoids under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law. Prohibits restrictions on the sales of these products. Requires manufacturers of these products to demonstrate that all parts of the plant used come from a state or country that has an established and approved industrial hemp program. Prohibits manufacturers of these products from including on the label, or publishing/disseminating any health-related information or statement. Creates requirements for the testing and labeling of these products. Unless explicitly approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration, industrial hemp may not be included in medical devices, prescription drugs, processed smokable products, including e-cigarettes with nicotine, smokable flower, including hookah and shisha with nicotine, and any product that contains nicotine, tobacco, or alcohol. Manufacturing enforcement to be conducted by the CA Department of Public Health and state, local, or law enforcement is allowed to review paperwork from those handling or transporting these products and take samples to test for verification.	Watch/BB 2/25/21	Same as SB 235/Allen.	Cannabis
AB 54/Kiley A – Bus. & Prof. and Gov't Org.	Prohibits the Department of Consumer Affairs and any licensing board under its purview, as well as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, from revoking the license of any licensee for failure to comply with any COVID-19 emergency order without being able to prove non-compliance with emergency orders resulted in transmission of the virus.	Watch 2/25/21	Same as SB 102/Melendez.	COVID-19
AB 69/Kiley A – Emergency Management	Requires state of emergency declared by the Governor to terminate after 60 days unless the Legislature extends the declaration by concurrent resolution. Limits legislative concurrent resolution from extending state of emergency by more than 60 days.	Watch 2/25/21	See also AB 108/Cunningham and SB 209/Dahle.	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
AB 108/Cunningham A – Emergency Management	Specifies order or regulation issued by Governor during a state of emergency made 60 or more days after proclamation of the emergency may only take effect upon adoption of a concurrent resolution of the Legislature approving the order or regulation.	Watch 2/25/21	See also AB 69/Kiley and SB 209/Dahle.	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
AB 112/Holden A – Health	Extends the Medi-Cal suspension period for inmates from one year to three years. Also applies to juveniles.	Watch/BB 2/25/21		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform

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AB 118/Kamlager A – Emergency Management	Establishes the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (CRISES) Act Grant Pilot Program within the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to expand participation of community organizations in emergency response for vulnerable populations. Requires OES to establish rules and regulations to make grants available to community organizations. Requires that grantees receive a minimum award of \$250,000 per year. Requires grantees to use grant funding for project planning and community engagement, project implementation, staffing, facilities, operational costs, consulting, training, and program/project evaluation. Specifies requirements of OES Director in establishing and staffing pilot program. Requires OES to establish an 11-member CRISES Act Advisory Committee consisting of an emergency medical system professional, public health professional, community-based organization representative, and a survivor of an emergency/crisis. Conditions act implementation upon appropriate funding being made available to OES. Specifies sunset date of January 1, 2026.	Watch 2/25/21	Sponsors: Alliance for Boys & Men of Color; ACLU of California; Anti Police-Terror Project; Berkeley Free Clinic; Black Lives Matter Los Angeles; Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice; East Bay Community Law Center; Justice Teams Network; Oakland Power Projects; PolicyLink; Public Health Advocates; Silicon Valley De-Bug; UDW/AFSCME Local 3930; Youth Justice Coalition	Injury Prevention
AB 121/Holden A – Bus. & Profs.	Allows active-duty military personnel to adopt dogs or cats from a public animal shelter. Per existing law, animal shelters may limit the number of dogs or cats adopted to one during a six-month period.	Watch 2/25/21		Animal Care and Control
AB 234/Ramos A – Health	Removes provision requiring the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to utilize existing staff and resources to establish the CDPH Office of Suicide Prevention.	S-3 2/25/21		Injury Prevention
AB 240/Rodriguez A – Health	Requires California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to contract with an appropriate and qualified entity to conduct an evaluation of the adequacy of the local health department infrastructure to make recommendations for future staffing, workforce, and resource needs in order to accurately and adequately fund local public health. Requires CDPH to convene an advisory group of specified representatives and requires report to Legislature.	S-1 1/13/21	Sponsor: CHEAC	Public Health Infrastructure
AB 263/Bonta A – Public Safety	Requires private detention facility operator to comply with and adhere to all local and state public health orders and occupational safety and health regulations. Includes urgency clause.	SIC 2/25/21	Sponsors: Immigrant Defense Advocates; NextGen; Physicians for Human Rights; California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice	Jail & Community Corrections Services
AB 369/Kamlager A – Health	Requires DHCS to implement a program of presumptive eligibility for homeless individuals to the extent federal financial participation is available. Requires DHCS to develop a payment mechanism for street medicine. Allows providers of street medicine services to receive fee-for-service Medical reimbursement.	Watch/BB 2/25/21	Sponsors: The Street Medicine Institute, University of Southern CA, and USC Keck School of Medicine	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
AB 381/Davies A – Health & Judiciary	Requires licensed adult alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities to administer naloxone and have at least one staff member on premises who knows where facility naloxone is stored and has been trained on the administration of the drug. Limited liability immunity is also provided.	S-2 2/25/21		Drug & Alcohol Services
AB 382/Kamlager A – Health	Extends termination of the DHCS Whole Child Model (WCM) Stakeholder Advisory Group by two years to December 31, 2023.	S-2 2/25/21	Sponsor: California Children's Hospital Association	California Children's Services

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AB 418/Valladares A – Emergency Management and Utilities & Energy	Establishes the Community Power Resiliency Program within CalOES to support local government efforts to improve resiliency in response to public safety power shutoff (PSPS) events. Requires CalOES to provide grant funding to counties, cities, special districts, and tribes to plan and deploy emergency resilience projects. Requires counties to utilize at least 50 percent of their noncompetitive allocation for prioritized activities, including food storage reserves and COVID-19 testing sites. States intent of Legislature to enact future legislation providing funding for the program.	Watch 2/25/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
AB 420/Quirk Silva A – Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, & Internet Media; Labor & Employ. Amended 2/25/21	Intent bill to require all theme parks, regardless of size, be placed within the COVID-19 Industry Guidance within Orange/Moderate/Tier 3 for reopening rather than Yellow/Minimal/Tier 4. If executive branch takes those actions, requires Department of Industrial Relations to administer a competitive grant program for the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) for amusement park employees. Appropriates \$500,000 General Fund for the grant program.	Watch 2/25/21		COVID-19
AB 422/Friedman A – Gov. Org.	Authorizes local government to adopt an ordinance prohibiting person under 21 years of age from possessing any tobacco product. Requires a local ordinance, if adopted, to require the local government to issue an administrative citation that requires mandatory participation in an antismoking education program. Authorizes the ordinance to require payment of a participation fee in the program if offered on a sliding fee scale. Authorizes local government to confiscate a tobacco product if user is under 18 years of age with a notice and return of the product to a parent or legal guardian. Exempts active-duty military personnel 18 years or older.	Watch w/ Concerns 2/25/21		Tobacco Control
AB 439/Bauer-Kahan A – Health	Adds nonbinary as an option for gender identity on death certificates.	Watch 2/25/21		Vital Stats
AB 457/Santiago A – Health	Sets forth the Telehealth Patient Bill of Rights, consisting of various provisions related to access, consumer protections, and cost-sharing for telehealth services. Specifies right for patient to be seen by a healthcare provider with a physical presence within a reasonable geographic distance from the patient's home. Exempts pay parity for telehealth services where provider is not located within a reasonable geographic distance from the patient's home. Requires health insurers and plans to comply with the Telehealth Bill of Rights.	Watch 2/25/21	Sponsor: California Medical Association (CMA)	Access to Health Services
AB 536/Rodriguez A – Emergency Management	Requires CalOES to conduct a gap analysis of the state's mutual aid system on a biennial basis considering the firefighting, law enforcement, emergency medical services, mass care, shelter, and hospital surge capacity. Specifies minimum requirements of gap analysis, including response requirements, baseline preparedness levels, and strategies to reduce and eliminate response shortfalls.	Watch 2/25/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness

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AB 541/Berman A – Health	Requires alcoholism and substance use disorder recovery and treatment facilities licensed by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to assess each patient/client for tobacco use at the time of initial intake. If tobacco use disorder is identified, requires facility/program to provide specified information, including an offer for treatment or referral for tobacco use disorder treatment. Requires facility/program reporting to DHCS.	S-2 2/25/21		Tobacco Control
AB 580/Rodriguez A – Emergency Management	Requires counties to send a copy of its emergency plan to CalOES on or before March 1, 2022, and upon any update to its plan. Requires CalOES, in consultation with representatives of people with access and functional needs, to review each plan to determine consistency with FEMA best practices and guidance. Requires CalOES to conduct a review of county emergency plans and requires CalOES to annually disseminate guidance summarizing conclusions and recommendations of after-action reports from emergencies.	Watch 2/25/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
AB 585/L. Rivas A – Natural Resources	Establishes, upon appropriation by the Legislature, the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program within the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to coordinate state efforts to address extreme heat, facilitate implementation of climate change projects statewide, and reduce public health risks by establishing community resilience centers. Specifies eligible activities of the program, including construction and retrofitting of facilities to serve as community resilience centers. Directs OPR to establish criteria and guidelines for grants and directs OPR to give priority to applicants serving disadvantaged communities and vulnerable populations, as determined by the relevant local health department.	S-3 2/25/21	Sponsor: Climate Resolve	Built Environment & Climate Change
AB 598/R. Rivas A – Health & Judiciary	Requires California Attorney General to establish and maintain an online list of tobacco products that lack a characterizing flavor by July 2022. Authorizes AG to require that all tobacco manufacturers submit list of all brand styles of tobacco products. Sets forth determination and challenge/appeal process for tobacco manufacturers and importers. Includes urgency clause.	S-2 2/25/21	Sponsor: California Attorney General	Tobacco Control

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AB 619/Calderon A – Health & Emergency Management	Requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to develop an Air Quality Health Plan with recommendations and guidelines for counties to use in significant air quality event caused by wildfires or other sources. Specifies requirements of plan, including information on policy and procedures on availability of air filtration masks and other personal protective equipment (PPE), public notification processes, and prevention strategies. Requires counties, in advance of the next update to emergency plans, to create a task force to use the CDPH Air Quality Plan to develop a county-specific plan and establish criteria, locations, and effectiveness measures for public respite facilities during poor air quality and other weather-related events. Requires counties to assign a role or department/agency as serve as the lead for each recommendation and guideline included in the county plan. Requires CDPH to conduct a COPD Provider Awareness Campaign and a statewide public education campaign regarding wildfires and other environmental hazards. Requires CDPH to contract with local nonprofit organizations, as specified, to conduct public events and workshops to screen people for lung diseases.	Watch/BB 2/25/21		Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
AB 653/Waldron A – Public Safety	Establishes a five-year Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) grant program to be administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections to award competitive grants to counties for a variety of MAT related activities including but not limited to providing MAT medication to inmates upon release, costs for providing MAT to people who are under criminal justice supervision, and mobile crisis teams. Requires data reporting on funded activities.	Watch 2/25/21		Drug & Alcohol Services
AB 654/Reyes A – Labor & Employment	Requires CDPH to make workplace COVID-19 outbreak and case data information available on their website in addition to data linked to specific industries.	Watch 2/25/21	Clean-up to AB 685/Reyes.	COVID-19
NEW BILL AB 702/Santiago A – Bus. & Prof.	Requires local animal control to issue dog or cat breeder permits. Allows local jurisdictions to charge a fee for issuance of breeder permits not to exceed reasonable costs of administering the program. Local animal control agencies are responsible for enforcing these provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns 3/11/21	Sponsor: Social Compassion in Legislation	Animal Care and Control
NEW BILL AB 751/Irwin A – Health	Deletes the sunset provision in statute allowing local registrars to accept an electronic acknowledgement, sworn under penalty of perjury, that the requester of a marriage, birth, or death certificate is an authorized person. Requires requests made for these documents electronically for local officials to accept electronic verification authenticating the identity of the applicant using a process that meets the National Institute of Standards and Technology Digital Identity Guidelines as well as other requirements.	S-2 3/11/21	Sponsor: County Clerks Association	Vital Statistics

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NEW BILL AB 757/Davies A – Labor & Employment	Allows a private employer to request documentation from an employee if they have tested positive for COVID-19 and may be subject to work exclusion. Documentation can include a positive test or written documentation from a health care provider. Existing privacy protections must apply.	Watch 3/11/21		COVID-19
NEW BILL AB 768/Holden A – Education	Requires the Division of Boating and Waterways and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), in cooperation with the California Department of Education (CDE) and other appropriate entities, to develop an aquatic and pool safety program that includes a model policy available at no expense to local educational agencies (LEAs). Specifies requirements of model policy. Requires CDE to notify LEAs of the availability of the model policy and set deadlines for LEAs to adopt a program based on the policy. Requires an LEA governing body to review, at minimum every four years, its program and make necessary updates.	Watch 3/11/21		Injury Prevention
NEW BILL AB 789/Low A – Health	Requires any patient receiving primary care services in an outpatient facility or receives primary care through a primary care clinic to be offered a Hep B or Hep C screening test. Follow-up care must be provided or referral to a health care provider to those who opt to be tested and either test positive for Hep B or test reactive for Hep C.	S-3 3/11/21		Communicable Disease Control
NEW BILL AB 805/Maienschein A – Emergency Management	Requires MHOACs to report specified personal protective equipment (PPE) data weekly to CalOES during any health-related state of emergency in California. At all other times, the MHOAC is required to report this information to CalOES on a monthly basis.	Watch w/ Concerns 3/11/21	Sponsor: CA Nurses Assn	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
NEW BILL AB 814/Levine A – Privacy & Consum. Protect & Judiciary <i>Hearing: 4/8/21 (P&CP)</i>	Requires that data collected, received, or used for contact tracing purposes cannot be used, maintained, or disclosed for any purpose other than for facilitating contact tracing efforts. Prohibits law enforcement officials from engaging in contact tracing.	Watch 3/11/21	Similar to last year's AB 661/Levine	Communicable Disease Control

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NEW BILL AB 816/ Chiu A – Housing & Comm. Develop.	Requires the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), upon appropriation by the Legislature or upon receipt of technical assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), to conduct a statewide homelessness needs and gap analysis, evaluate data on persons exiting state-funded settings into homelessness, and seek input from the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council. Specifies requirements of needs and gap analysis and authorizes local governments to share data with the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council. Requires DHCD to set various benchmark goals in reducing homelessness and requires counties to submit to DHCD an actionable county-level plan for meeting specific annual benchmarks. Specifies local governments without an adopted county-level plan or without sufficient progress to be noncompliant. Establishes the Housing and Homelessness Inspector General in DHCD. Authorizes Inspector General to bring civil action against noncompliant state and local governments. Prohibits jurisdictions from intentionally transporting homeless individuals out of their jurisdiction to decrease that jurisdiction’s homeless population.	Watch 3/11/21		Health Equity
NEW BILL AB 831/Asm. Health A – Health	Implements various technical modifications in California Retail Food Code, including on subjects related to charitable feeding operations, outdoor wood burning ovens and satellite food services, alternate glove use procedures, local enforcement agency exemptions, and cottage food operations labeling.	Watch 3/11/21	Sponsor: CAEHA	Environmental Health
NEW BILL AB 833/Quirk-Silva	Requires that any grant the state provides by the state to local government to include a maximum allocation of administrative costs funding be capped at five percent.	Watch/BB 3/11/21		LHD Administration & Simplification
NEW BILL AB 835/Nazarian A – Health	Requires CA Department of Public Health to develop protocols to be used by hospital emergency departments in order to implement an HIV testing program for ED patients.	Watch 3/11/21	Sponsor: AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Communicable Disease Control
AB 875/Wood A – Health	Specifies enhanced care management (ECM) as a covered Medi-Cal benefit, no sooner than January 2022, to include at minimum coordination of primary, acute, behavioral, oral, and long-term services and supports. Requires Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to seek necessary federal approvals and specifies provisions are only implementable to the extent federal financial participation is available. Requires Medi-Cal Managed Care plans to disclose the availability of in lieu of services (ILOS) and settings available to beneficiaries. Requires plans to report specified ILOS information and data to DHCS.	Watch 2/25/21	See also SB 256/Pan.	CalAIM

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NEW BILL AB 893/Davies A – Accountability & Admin. Review	Requires Cal/OSHA and/or CDPH, within fourteen days of the release of federal recommendations that conflicts with an emergency regulation related to COVID-19, to review the conflicting regulation and either amend the regulation or submit a report to the Legislature explaining their reasoning for not amending the regulation and to publicly post that report.	Watch 3/11/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
NEW BILL AB 941/Bennett A – Human Svcs	Requires the Department of Community Services and Development (DCSD), upon appropriation by the Legislature, to establish and administer a grant program for eligible counties to establish and fund farmworker resource centers to provide information and access to various public services in education, housing, utilities, payroll and wages, and health and human services. Requires participating counties to work with community-based organizations in developing the center, provide 25 percent of the center’s program funding, and provide services in at least English and Spanish.	Watch 3/11/21	Note: Program modeled after the Ventura County Farmworker Resource Program within the Ventura County Human Services Agency.	Health Equity
NEW BILL AB 988/Bauer-Kahan A – Health and Communications & Conveyance	Establishes the 988 Crisis Hotline System under the authority of CalOES. Specifies CalOES responsibilities of the 988 Crisis Hotline System, including ensuring coordination between 988 call centers, 911 call centers, mental health crisis services, and mental health warm lines/hotlines. Requires CalOES to establish quarterly stakeholder convenings among specified representatives, including mental health consumers, county behavioral health, law enforcement, and emergency responders, to provide input on 988 regulations. Specifies requirements for each 988 call center, including maintaining an active agreement with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, utilizing technology that is interoperable between and across crisis and emergency response systems, and deploying mental health crisis services. Requires counties to seek to offer a full continuum of mental health crisis services to the extent resources are available. Requires counties to bill for all medically necessary treatment of mental health and substance use disorders provided to privately insured individuals. Requires county-operated mental health crisis services to be made available to all 988 callers and requires counties to coordinate with 988 call centers. Establishes a 988 surcharge on each telephone access line in the state to support the 988 Crisis Hotline System. Requires the CDPH Office of Health Equity to provide technical assistance to CalOES, counties, and 988 call centers regarding culturally and linguistically appropriate 988 services. Includes urgency clause.	Watch/BB 3/11/21	Sponsors: Contra Costa County; Los Angeles County; Kennedy Forum; Miles Hall Foundation; NAMI Contra Costa; Steinberg Institute; Re:Store Justice	Injury Prevention

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NEW BILL AB 998/Lackey A – Public Safety & Health	Requires the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Department of State Hospitals (DSH), and any county agency caring for inmates to disclose, by electronic transmission when possible, inmate mental health records when an inmate is transferred between a county correctional facility, county medical facility, state correctional facility, or state hospital to ensure sufficient mental health history is available for inmate assessment and continuity of mental health treatment. Requires mental health records to be disclosed at the time of transfer or within seven days.	Watch 3/11/21	Sponsor: AFSCME	Jail & Community Corrections Services
NEW BILL AB 1017/Quirk-Silva A – Local Gov't	Requires local governments to complete an inventory of public restrooms available to homeless populations for use during the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires local governments to submit a report to CalOES no later than June 2022 providing a map and listing of available public restrooms, as well as short- and long-term strategies for ensuring homeless populations have adequate access to restrooms.	Watch 3/11/21		Health Equity
NEW BILL AB 1034/Bloom A – Bus & Prof Amended 3/4/21	Allows local jurisdictions to allow the smoking, vaporizing, and ingesting of cannabis or cannabis products on the premises of a licensed cannabis or microbusiness retailer and the preparation or sale of noncannabis food or beverage products so long as access to the area where the consumption occurs is restricted to those 21 years or older, consumption is not visible from any public place or nonage-restricted area, and the sale or consumption of alcohol or tobacco is not allowed on the premises.	Watch 3/11/21		Cannabis
NEW BILL AB 1044/Rodriguez A – Emergency Management	Allows the Governor, during a declared state of emergency, to commandeer private property for manufacturing entities of personal protective equipment.	Watch 3/11/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
NEW BILL AB 1046/Rubio A – Health	Requires the California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Agency to consult with stakeholders to improve state and counties' abilities to draw down Medi-Cal funding for evidence-based maternal-infant and early childhood home visiting encounters. Specifies stakeholders to be consulted, including developers of the California Home Visiting and CalWORKs Home Visiting programs, LHD divisions, human services, and behavioral health services, among others.	S-2 3/11/21	Sponsor: Nurse-Family Partnership	Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Services (MCAH)
NEW BILL AB 1050/Gray A – Health	Would carve FQHCs and RHCs out of the Medi-Cal Rx transition by requiring DHCS to establish and implement a mechanism to retrospectively identify 340B drugs dispensed to Medi-Cal fee-for-service beneficiaries including those who receive services in FQHCs and RHCs.	Watch 3/11/21	Sponsor: Community Health Center Alliance for Patient Access	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform

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NEW BILL AB 1094/Arambula A – Health & Judiciary	<p>Requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to create a three-year pilot program in up to six counties for the identification and collection by coroners and medical examiners of gender identity and sexual orientation in cases of violent death. Requires data to be reported to participating counties’ boards of supervisors and CDPH. Requires CDPH to report the information in the California Electronic Violent Death Reporting System (CEVDRS).</p>	Watch 3/11/21		Health Equity
NEW BILL AB 1117/Wicks A – Education & Health	<p>Establishes the Healthy Start: Toxic Stress and Trauma Resiliency for Children Program. Requires the California Department of Education (CDE) and Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish the Children’s Coordinated Services Response Team and specifies membership and responsibilities of the team. Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to award grants of no more than \$500,000 to qualifying entities to cover planning and operating costs of programs providing support services to school children and families at or near their enrolled school. Specifies qualified entities include certain local educational agencies (LEAs), community-based organizations (CBOs), county behavioral health agencies working with an LEA, or early childhood or childcare program working with an LEA. Specifies support services to include health care, mental health, family support and parenting education, academic support services, nutrition services, youth development services, and case management, among others. Requires qualifying entities to provide a \$1 match for each \$2 awarded. Specifies content to be addressed in the program plan, including reaching target populations, involving parents/guardians in the program, and involving representatives from the local health department and Medi-Cal Managed Care plan. Specifies grant application requirements. Identifies priority criteria to be used by CDE in awarding grants. Specifies program to be implemented only to the extent the Legislature appropriates funding in the annual budget act or other statute or upon receipt of federal funding.</p>	Watch 3/11/21		Health Equity
NEW BILL AB 1130/Wood A – Health	<p>Establishes the Office of Health Care Affordability within the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). The office will be responsible for analyzing the healthcare market for cost trends and drivers of spending, develop data-informed policies for lowering health care costs for consumers, create a state strategy for controlling the cost of health care, and ensure affordability for consumers.</p>	Watch 3/11/21	Note: Also proposed as part of the Governor’s January budget.	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform

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NEW BILL AB 1144/R. Rivas A – Health	<p>Specifies local governments shall not prohibit, restrict, or require approval for a cottage food operation in residential dwellings except for food safety purposes and for number of employees, customers and parking, and trash disposal frequency. Increases cottage food operations gross annual sales limits from \$50,000 to \$100,000. Specifies sales may include transactions made via phone, internet, or other digital method and may be fulfilled in person, via mail delivery, or using any third-party delivery services. Removes the limitation on Class B cottage food operations from selling only within the permitted county to allow statewide sales. Restricts local enforcement agency from requiring cottage food operation to submit for review more than one sample product label per food category. Requires cottage food operations labels to include phone number and email address of operator or physical address of operation.</p>	Watch 3/11/21		Environmental Health
NEW BILL AB 1160/Rubio A – Health	<p>Authorizes Medi-Cal Managed Care plans, as part of CalAIM In-Lieu of Services (ILOS), to provide medically tailored meals to beneficiaries effective for contract periods beginning on or after January 1, 2022.</p>	S-2 3/11/21		Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
NEW BILL AB 1163/Nazarian A – Rev & Tax	<p>Repeals existing statutory prohibition on local jurisdictions' authority to enact new taxes on groceries, including sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs).</p>	S-2 3/11/21	<p>Note: 2018 budget measure prohibited local jurisdictions from imposing new taxes on groceries until Jan. 1, 2031.</p> <p>Sponsors: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; American Heart Association; California Dental Association; Public Health Advocates; Public Health Institute</p>	Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
NEW BILL AB 1197/Quirk-Silva A – Education	<p>Revises nutrition standards for school breakfasts and lunches to be more stringent than current federal requirements related to sodium, whole grains, and added sugars. Specifies gradual sodium reduction requirements between the 2023-24 school year and 2031-32 school year to align with NASEM dietary reference intakes. Ties whole grain requirements to 2012 federal standards and aligns added sugar requirements to existing federal nutrition standards.</p>	S-2 3/11/21	<p>Sponsors: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; American Heart Association; American Diabetes Association</p>	Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion

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NEW BILL AB 1204/Wicks A – Health	Requires hospitals and medical groups to annually prepare and submit to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) an equity report that addresses health status and access to care disparities among patients, employment disparities among hospital/medical group employees, and plans for addressing health care and employment disparities. Requires OSHPD to post reports online and authorizes OSHPD to impose a fine for not submitting a plan. Modifies statutory definition of “vulnerable populations” to include racial minority groups and socially disadvantaged groups.	Watch 3/11/21		Health Equity
NEW BILL AB 1217/Rodriguez A – Emergency Management	Requires the state to establish a statewide stockpile of personal protective equipment (PPE). Requires CalOES to administer the stockpile and to rotate items in the stockpile by contracting or agreeing with nonprofit organizations, local governments, or other health care providers to provide them PPE. Other provisions.	Watch/BB 3/11/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
NEW BILL AB 1223/Levine A – Public Safety and Rev & Tax	Imposes a \$25 excise tax on the sale of all new firearms and an undetermined percentage tax on the sale of ammunition. Specifies tax revenues shall be continuously appropriated to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) for the purpose of funding the California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) grants to local jurisdictions and community-based organizations disproportionately impacted by community violence. Extends CalVIP operative provisions by three years to January 1, 2028.	Watch/BB 3/11/21		Injury Prevention
NEW BILL AB 1276/Carrillo A – Natural Resources	Prohibits a food facility or third-party delivery platform from providing any single-use food accessory (e.g., single-use container, utensil, napkins, straws, etc.) unless specifically requested by a consumer or if the food facility or delivery platform determines that doing so is necessary to protect public health and safety or to ensure safe delivery. Requires delivery platforms to make available a function to allow food facilities to create a menu option to request single-use food accessories. Modifies definition of “enforcement officer” to mean term used by the local governing body. Removes specified penalty amounts.	Watch 3/11/21		Environmental Health
NEW BILL AB 1344/Arambula A – Health & Natural Resources	Exempts needle and syringe exchange services application submissions, authorizations, and operations performed to be exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).	Watch/BB 3/11/21		Communicable Disease Control

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NEW BILL AB 1355/Levine A – Health	<p>Requires Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish beginning January 2022 an Independent Medical Review (IMR) system within the Medi-Cal program for purposes of allowing Medi-Cal beneficiaries that have had services denied by their health plans to seek a reversal of the health plan denial. Specifies circumstances under which beneficiaries may request an IMR. Requires DHCS to contract with an IMR organization to conduct reviews and specifies requirements of that organization, including provisions relative to conflict of interest and quality assurance mechanisms. Requires IMR medical consultants to review IMR requests and provide a written determination on whether the disputed medical service is medically necessary. Requires DHCS Director to adopt the IMR determination and issue a binding written notification to involved parties. Requires DHCS to create an online public searchable database of IMR determinations and specified related information.</p>	Watch 3/11/21		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
NEW BILL AB 1372/Muratsuchi A – Housing & Comm Develop and Judiciary	<p>Establishes the right of every homeless person to receive temporary shelter if that person has actively sought temporary shelter in a jurisdiction for at least three consecutive days and has been unable to gain entry into existing shelters. Requires every city and every county to provide temporary shelter, mental health treatment, resources for job placement, and job training to individuals who have a right to temporary shelter until that person obtains permanent housing. Authorizes individuals to bring civil action against a jurisdiction for noncompliance and specifies penalties and remedies. Requires all local governments to adopt a plan, subject to approval by the Department of Housing and Community Development, to provide temporary shelter for homeless persons in their jurisdiction.</p>	Watch 3/11/21	CSAC: Watch	Health Equity
NEW BILL AB 1400/Kalra	<p>Creates the California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act, or CalCare, to provide health care coverage to all California residents, regardless of citizenship status. CalCare defines a comprehensive set of health care benefits, including long-term services and supports and mental health and substance use treatment services and will not charge premiums, deductibles, or copays for services. Financing for CalCare is not yet defined.</p>	Special Interest Bill 3/11/21	Sponsor: CA Nurses Assn	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
NEW BILL AB 1403/Levine A – Emergency Management	<p>Adds a deenergization event as a condition qualifying as a state or local emergency in statute.</p>	S-3 3/11/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness

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NEW BILL AB 1430/Arambula A – Bus. & Prof. and Judiciary	Requires a pharmacist, when dispensing a Schedule II or Schedule IIN drug, to place them in a lockable vial as well as to provide an educational pamphlet on the potential for abuse and diversion of controlled substances. Exemptions would include for patients because of a physical or mental condition would have difficulty opening the lockable vial or when the drug is provided in a hospital or other inpatient setting. Requires drug manufacturers to reimburse the pharmacy for the cost of the lockable vials within 30 days of receiving a claim.	Watch 3/11/21	Same as last year's SB 1054/Umberg	Drug & Alcohol Services
NEW BILL AB 1435/Carrillo A – Rev & Tax and Bus & Prof	Allows for cannabis products to include approved noncannabis cannabinoids (NCCs) as long as those are approved by CDPH. CDPH must review each noncannabis cannabinoid in use in products for sale in CA to determine if the NCC is psychoactive and place each in one of three categories: NCCs that are nonpsychoactive and allowed for use in cannabis products; NCCs that are psychoactive and allowed for use in cannabis products; and NCCs that may not be used in products for sale in CA. Testing and labeling requirements are defined. CDPH is responsible for enforcement. An excise tax will be assessed on NCCs with funds going to the State for administering the program and starting in FY 24/25, 60% of funds deposited in the Prop 64 Youth Education, Prevention, Early Intervention, and Treatment Account; 20% of funds deposited in the Prop 64 Environmental Restoration and Protection Account; and 20% to the CA Department of Social Services for social justice and equity programs.	Watch 3/11/21		Cannabis
NEW BILL AB 1500/E. Garcia A – Water, Parks & Wildlife and Nat. Resources	Enacts the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2022 which, upon approval by voters in the November 2022 General Election, would authorize the issuance of \$6.7 billion in bonds for various built environment and climate change projects statewide.	Watch 3/11/21		Built Environment & Climate Change
ACR 29/Voepel A – Rules	Designates September 2021 as Opioid Awareness Month in California.	S-3 2/25/21		Drug & Alcohol Services
NEW BILL ACR 30/Medina S – Floor	Recognizes the first Monday in March as COVID-19 Victims and Survivors Memorial Day and urges Californians to continue to take preventative measures such as social distancing and following public health orders to mitigate the spread of the virus.	S-3 3/11/21		COVID-19
NEW BILL ACR 37/Seyarto A – Rules	Proclaims September 5, 2021, through September 11, 2021, as Suicide Prevention Week in California to acknowledge the loss of individuals who have committed suicide and commemorate actions to prevent suicide and raise awareness of suicide as a public health crisis.	S-3 3/11/21		Injury Prevention

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NEW BILL ACR 39/Holden	Proclaims every May as “Roxie Forbes Drowning Prevention Month” and sets forth various provisions related to water safety and drowning prevention, including encouraging local jurisdictions to adopt codes and standards to prevent drowning and engage in and encourage public awareness campaigns.	S-3 3/11/21		Injury Prevention

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Senate Bills				
SB 17/Pan S – Gov’t Org and Judiciary Amended 2/25/21	Establishes a statewide Office of Racial Equity to be governed by a Racial Equity Advisory and Accountability Council to coordinate, analyze, develop, evaluate, and recommend strategies for advancing racial equity across state agencies, departments, and the office of the Governor. Requires Office to develop a statewide Racial Equity Framework and requires state agencies to develop and implement a Racial Equity Action Plan that aligns with the statewide Racial Equity Framework. Requires annual reporting.	S-2 2/25/21		Health Equity
SB 49/Umberg S – Bus., Profs. & Econ. Develop. and Gov’t Finance Amended 3/8/21	Prohibits counties and cities, along with state agencies, from collecting regulatory license fees from any business that has been ordered to close in response to the COVID-19 state of emergency including restaurants/bars or an entity licensed by the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology. These closed businesses will be allowed to claim a tax credit for these paid fees as long as they declare under penalty of perjury that they complied with all applicable COVID-19 stay at home orders.	Watch/BB 2/25/21	Amended to non-relevant subject matter and will be dropped from subsequent charts.	COVID-19
SB 56/Durazo S – Appr Amended 3/1/21	Expands, effective July 2022, Medi-Cal to all undocumented adults 65 years of age and older with incomes at or below 138% FPL subject to an appropriation in the annual Budget Act or other act approved by the Legislature. Requires DHCS seek federal approvals to obtain federal financial participation; if federal funds are unavailable, specifies benefits shall be provided with state-only funds.	S-2 2/25/21	Sponsors: Health Access California and CA Immigrant Policy Center	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
SB 57/Wiener S – Public Safety Amended 3/1/21	Authorizes the City and County of San Francisco, the City of Oakland, and Los Angeles County to approve entities to operate overdose prevention programs, including supervised injection sites. Delineates the requirements for these sites and provides prosecutorial immunity for those involved in the operation or use of the site. Specifies required operating procedures.	Watch 2/25/21	Sponsors: CA Assn of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, CA Society of Addiction Medicine, Drug Policy Alliance, National Harm Reduction Coalition, Healthright 360, SF AIDS Foundation, and Tarzana Treatment Center	Drug & Alcohol Services
SB 102/Melendez S – Bus, Prof. & Econ. Develop.	Prohibits the Department of Consumer Affairs and any licensing board under its purview, as well as the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, from revoking the license of any licensee for failure to comply with any COVID-19 emergency order without being able to prove non-compliance with emergency orders resulted in transmission of the virus.	Watch 2/25/21	Same as AB 54/Kiley.	Communicable Disease Control
SB 209/Dahle S – Gov’t Org Amended 3/4/21	Terminates state of emergency 45 days after Governor’s emergency proclamation unless the Legislature extends the state of emergency by a concurrent resolution. Specifies legislative concurrent resolution declaring the end of a state of emergency shall terminate the emergency.	Watch 2/25/21	See also AB 69/Kiley and AB 108/Cunningham.	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
SB 217/Dahle S – Education FAILED PASSAGE (Reconsideration Granted)	Requires any comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention educational materials provided to children younger than 7th grade be age appropriate. Requires school districts to adopt policies on how parents can review these materials, specifies when materials must be made available for review, and that materials must be translated into applicable languages.	Watch 2/25/21		Communicable Disease Control

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SB 235/Allen S – Agriculture Amended 3/1/21	Allows for the manufacture of dietary supplements, food, beverages, cosmetics, or pet foods that include industrial hemp or cannabinoids under the Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Law. Prohibits restrictions on the sales of these products. Requires manufacturers of these products to demonstrate that all parts of the plant used come from a state or country that has an established and approved industrial hemp program. Prohibits manufacturers of these products from including on the label, or publishing/disseminating any health-related information or statement. Creates requirements for the testing and labeling of these products. Unless explicitly approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration, industrial hemp may not be included in medical devices, prescription drugs, processed smokable products, including e-cigarettes with nicotine, smokable flower, including hookah and shisha with nicotine, and any product that contains nicotine, tobacco, or an alcoholic beverage. Manufacturing enforcement to be conducted by the CA Department of Public Health and state, local, or law enforcement is allowed to review paperwork from those handling or transporting these products and take samples to test for verification.	Watch/BB 2/25/21	Same as AB 45/Aguiar-Curry	Cannabis
SB 256/Pan S – Health	Specifies enhanced care management (ECM) as a covered Medi-Cal benefit, no sooner than January 2022, to include at minimum coordination of primary, acute, behavioral, oral, and long-term services and supports. Requires Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to seek necessary federal approvals and specifies provisions are only implementable to the extent federal financial participation is available. Requires Medi-Cal Managed Care plans to disclose the availability of in lieu of services (ILOS) and settings available to beneficiaries. Requires plans to report specified ILOS information and data to DHCS.	Watch 2/25/21	See also AB 875/Wood.	CalAIM
SB 296/Limón S – Public Safety <i>Hearing: 3/23/21</i>	Requires each local jurisdiction that employs code enforcement officers to develop code enforcement officer safety standards.	Watch 2/25/21	Sponsor: California Association of Code Enforcement Officers	Environmental Health
SB 306/Pan S – Health; Bus., Profs. & Econ. Develop.; and Judiciary Amended 3/9/21	Allows pharmacists to provide expedited partner treatment (EPT) for STDs. Requires both private and public health insurance coverage to cover home STD kits. Adds EPT treatment and liability protections for physicians when diagnosing and treating STDs. Requires third trimester congenital syphilis testing for pregnant persons. Allows HIV counselors to perform rapid STD tests. Allows for Requires reimbursement in the Family PACT program, subject to appropriation and draw down of FFP , for STD related services to the uninsured, income eligible patients, or patients without healthcare coverage with confidentiality concerns who are not at risk for pregnancy or do not need contraceptive services.	S-2 2/25/21	Sponsors: APLA Health, Black Women for Wellness Action Project, Essential Access Health, Fresno Barrios Unidos, LA LGBT Center, and the SF AIDS Foundation	Communicable Disease Control

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SB 311/Hueso S – Floor Amended 3/1/21	Prohibits specified licensed health care facilities in CA from interfering or prohibiting patients who are terminally ill to use medical cannabis within their facility. Patients must provide their cannabis ID card or written documentation. Healthcare facilities must document the medicinal cannabis use in the patient’s records and are allowed to reasonably restrict the manner in which patients store and use medical cannabis, including requiring the medicinal cannabis to be stored in a locked container, and in compliance with other state laws. Prohibits smoking or vaping as methods to use medical cannabis.	Watch 2/25/21		Cannabis
SB 316/Eggman S – Appr	Authorizes Medi-Cal reimbursement for a maximum of two visits on the same day at a single location if: 1) after the first visit, the patient suffers illness/injury requiring additional diagnosis/treatment; or 2) the patient has a medical visit and a mental health visit or dental visit. Defines medical visit as a face-to-face encounter with a physician, PA, NP, nurse-midwife, visiting nurse, or perinatal practitioner. Defines a mental health visit as a face-to-face encounter with a psychiatrist, clinical psychologist, LCSW, MFT. Defines dental visit as a face-to-face encounter with a dentist or dental hygienist. Authorizes FQHC/RHC to apply for a per-visit rate adjustment for a medical visit and mental health visit occurring on the same day at a single location. Adds licensed acupuncturist to list of health professionals covered under the definition of a “visit.” Requires DHCS to submit state plan amendment to CMS by 07/01/2022.	S-2 2/25/21		Access to Health Services
SB 326/Pan S – Appr	Eliminates all federal Affordable Care Act (ACA) statutory “tie-backs.” Codifies ACA provisions health insurance reforms in CA law including coverage for the ten essential health benefits, guaranteed issue and renewability provisions, prohibitions on imposing pre-existing conditions exclusions, prohibitions on establishing coverage rules based on certain health status related factors, and limits on premium variations based on individuals/family size, geographic area, age, and tobacco use.	S-2 2/25/21		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
SB 336/Ochoa Bogh S – Health	Requires local health officers (LHO) or CDPH, when taking measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to have those measures published for 72 hours on their respective websites before taking effect and becoming enforceable. CDPH and LHOs must also have contacted all local organizations representing local businesses in each county.	Watch 2/25/21		COVID-19
SB 367/Hurtado S – Education Hearing: 3/17/21	Requires the Governing Boards of California’s Community Colleges and the CSU System, and requests the same of the UC Regents, to provide to all students as part of their established campus orientation programs to provide educational and preventive information on opioid overdose and the use and location of opioid overdose reversal medication. Also requires higher education schools to maintain opioid reversal medication in all first aid kits maintained on each campus.	S-3 2/25/21		Drug & Alcohol Services

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SB 371/Caballero S – Health Hearing: 3/17/21	Directs funding to small physician/dental practices, community health centers, critical access hospitals, and other safety net providers to help them implement or expand their use of health information technology (HIT) and connect to health information exchanges. Creates a new Deputy Secretary for HIT in the CA Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) to serve as the single point of contact for HIT in CA. Establishes an HIT Advisory Committee to advise CHHS on HIT issues including coordination amongst providers that use different technologies/platforms, seek funding for data exchange, and identify gaps in existing state systems including CDPH, CURES, and OSHPD. Requires DHCS to apply for federal funding from the Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) program to be used to improve bidirectional data exchange between state sources and health providers including Medi-Cal, CalREDIE, CAIR, and CURES, and to provide technical assistance and support to safety net health care providers.	Special Interest Bill 2/25/21	Sponsor: CA Medical Association	Health Information Technology
SB 395/Caballero	Imposes tax (amount TBD) on the retail sale of electronic cigarettes in California. Specifies allocation of tax revenues, consisting of 26 percent to Proposition 99, 15 percent to Proposition 10, and 59 percent to Proposition 56. Of the amount allocated to Proposition 56, a percentage (TBD) of funds are to be allocated to the Health Careers Opportunity Grant Program to improve access by underrepresented students from disadvantaged backgrounds to postsecondary health professions programs, including schools of public health. Sets forth provisions for the grant program to be administered by the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).	Watch 2/25/21		Tobacco Control
SB 397/Jones S – Judiciary; Gov't Org.; Health	Requires Governor or local governments to deem religious services to be an essential service and necessary and vital to the health and welfare of the public during a state or local emergency. Prohibits state and local governments from taking discriminatory action against a religious organization during an emergency. Requires state and local governments to permit a religious organization to continue operating and engaging in services to the same or greater extent that other essential organizations and businesses are permitted to operate. Prohibits state and local governments from enforcing any health, safety, or occupancy requirement that imposes a substantial burden unless the government demonstrates that applying the burden is essential to further a compelling government interest. Authorizes religious organization to seek a legal claim against state and local governments.	Watch 2/25/21	Sponsors: California Family Council; Capital Resource Institute; Judeo-Christian Caucus; Real Impact	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
SB 398/Skinner S – Gov. & Fin.	Allows a local jurisdiction to rely on the state's commercial cannabis licensing system authorizing commercial cannabis activity within their jurisdiction.	Watch/BB 2/25/21		Cannabis

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SB 402/Hurtado S – Rules	Would convene a multipayer payment reform collaborative including reps from health care insurance plans, health insurers, primary care practices, self-insured employers, multi-employer self-insured plans, and consumer representatives. This collaborative will be tasked with proposing multipayer payment reform pilots for fee-for-service primary care in areas hardest hit by COVID-19. Defines criteria and payment methods for pilots.	Watch 2/25/21		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
SB 409/Caballero S – Appr	Allows pharmacists to conduct point of care COVID-19 tests that are authorized by the FDA and waived under CLIA as long as they adhere to several requirements including training staff, safety precautions, do so in a manner that is safe for pharmacy staff and consumers, establish requirements for providing test results to patients in a non-verbal manner, and comply with mandatory reporting requirements to local and state reporting systems.	Watch 2/25/21		COVID-19
SB 428/Hurtado S – Health	Requires health plans to provide coverage for Adverse Childhood Events (ACES) screenings.	Watch 2/25/21		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
NEW BILL SB 448/Melendez S – Gov’t Org and Judiciary	Requires all emergency orders issued by the state or local government to be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety purpose and limited in duration. No emergency order may infringe on express constitutional rights in a nontrivial manner.	O-2 3/11/21	HOAC: Opposed	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
NEW BILL SB 464/Hurtado S – Human Svcs	Modernizes the California Food Assistance Program (CFAP) by recasting eligibility criteria to include noncitizens meeting all CalFresh eligibility criteria except for requirements related to immigration status beginning January 2023.	S-2 3/11/21	Sponsor: California Immigrant Policy Center CWDA: S-2	Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
NEW BILL SB 487/Rubio S – Health	Modifies membership of the Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC).	Watch/BB 3/11/21	3/12/2021: Amendments forthcoming.	Tobacco
NEW BILL SB 492/Hurtado S – Health	Requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), in addition to existing data tracking requirements on severe maternal morbidity and mortality, to track data on pregnancy-related deaths in which the attending physician is found to have been negligent in the death.	Watch 3/11/21		Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Services (MCAH)
NEW BILL SB 510/Pan S – Health	Requires health care service plans or disability insurance policies that provide health care coverage to cover the cost of COVID-19 testing and any immunizations intended to prevent or mitigate COVID-19. In addition, these requirements would apply to any testing or immunizations intended to prevent any future pandemic disease during a declared public health emergency declared by the Governor of California.	Watch 3/11/21	Sponsor: CA Medical Association (CMA)	COVID-19

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NEW BILL SB 519/Wiener S – Public Safety and Health <i>Hearing: 4/6/21 (PS)</i>	Decriminalizes the possession and personal use of certain drugs including psilocybin (acid), MDMA (ecstasy), LSD, ketamine, and mescaline. Expunges any criminal records for people convicted of possession or personal use of these substances. Includes penalties for those under 21 using these substances including drug education or counseling and community service. Tasks CDPH with convening a working group to study and make recommendations regarding the decriminalization, regulation, and safe therapeutic and legal use of these controlled substances. Allows for the personal cultivation of these substances but does not create a legal market for the sale of these substances.	Watch/BB 3/11/21		Drug & Alcohol Services
NEW BILL SB 525/Grove S – Rules	Requires CDPH to conduct an annual study on the mental health effects of school closures on children with the report to be submitted to the Legislature including recommendations on how to address any adverse mental health impacts on students.	Watch 3/11/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
NEW BILL SB 547/Glazer S – Agriculture & Education <i>Hearing: 3/18/21 (Ag)</i>	Requires the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine to develop the California Veterinary Emergency Team program to assist with the coordination and training of a network of government agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals to assist in the evacuation and care of household and domestic animals and livestock in emergencies.	Watch 3/11/21		Animal Care & Control
NEW BILL SB 549/Jones S – Labor, Public Employ & Retire and Human Svcs	Requires if social workers are deemed essential workers during a state of emergency to be included in the top tier of essential workers who are eligible to receive personal protective equipment or medicines necessary to fulfill their work.	Watch 3/11/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
NEW BILL SB 644/Leyva S – Health, Labor, Pub Employ & Retire, and Judiciary	Requires Covered California, beginning July 2022 and monthly thereafter, to request from the Employment Development Department (EDD) name and contact information of each applicant for unemployment compensation and other EDD-administered programs for purposes of notifying the individual of available health care coverage options through the Exchange and to assist individuals in obtaining coverage. Requires EDD to provide specified information to Covered California or the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to assist those entities in determining eligibility for state or federal health subsidy programs.	S-3 3/11/21	Sponsors: California Pan-Ethnic Health Network (CPEHN); Health Access; Western Center on Law & Poverty	Access to Health Services

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NEW BILL SB 651/Wieckowski S – Health	Prohibits the manufacturing, packaging, sale, distribution, or importation of foods containing synthetic dyes without a label declaring “SAFETY WARNING: Synthetic dyes may cause or worsen behavioral problems in children.” Sets forth labeling requirements for products with synthetic dyes. Requires chain restaurants considered “covered establishments” under federal menu labeling requirements to identify foods on menus containing synthetic dyes. Exempts alcoholic beverages and specifies seizure and penalty provisions consistent with existing Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Law.	Watch 3/11/21	Note: Provisions in Sherman Food, Drug, and Cosmetics Law; not California Retail Food Code.	Environmental Health
NEW BILL SB 678/Rubio S – Human Svcs and Housing	Requires the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to set specific, measurable goals relative to preventing and ending homelessness among unaccompanied women statewide. Requires Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to define outcome measures and gather relevant data, including data collection from state and county agencies. Specifies data sharing shall be a condition upon receipt of any state-funded homelessness programs. Requires Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to coordinate with unaccompanied women experiencing homelessness and others to inform policies, practices, and programs.	Watch 3/11/21		Health Equity
NEW BILL SB 742/Pan S – Rules	Prohibits a person from engaging in physical obstruction, intimidation, or picketing targeted at a vaccination site during the site’s operational hours (and one hour prior and one hour after). Violations are punishable by fines up to \$1,000, imprisonment in county jail to not exceed six months, or both.	Watch/BB 3/11/21		Communicable Disease Control
NEW BILL SB 744/Glazer S – Health & Judiciary	Requires CDPH to collect and make publicly available information obtained from healthcare providers on incidences of communicable respiratory viruses. Individual case reports must include a variety of data points.	OUA 3/11/21	HOAC: Oppose Unless Amended	Communicable Disease Control
SCR 5/Melendez S – Gov’t Org	Declares an end to the state of emergency declared on March 4, 2020 and terminates the Governor’s emergency powers.	Watch 2/25/21		COVID-19

CHEAC Legislative Position Chart

S - 1 Actively Support	S - 2 Strongly Support	S - 3 Support	SIA Support if Amended
O - 1 Strong Oppose	O - 2 Soft Oppose	OUA Oppose Unless Amended	WC Watch with Concerns
SIB Special Interest Bill - Watch	W Watch	R/BB Refer/Bring Back	SIC Support in Concept

NOTE: CHEAC Staff will watch amendments on any bill being tracked and bring back to Legislative Committee any bill with substantive amendments that may change CHEAC’s position.