

Bill Number/ Author/Location	Description	CHEAC Position	Comments	Platform Subject
<b>Assembly Bills</b>				
<a href="#">AB 4/Arambula</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 6/Levine</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 32/Aguiar-Curry</a> 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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<a href="#">AB 45/Aguiar-Curry</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 54/Kiley</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 69/Kiley</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 108/Cunningham</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 112/Holden</a> 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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<a href="#">AB 118/Kamlager</a>	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
<a href="#">AB 121/Holden</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 234/Ramos</a>	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
<a href="#">AB 240/Rodriguez</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 263/Bonta</a>	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
<a href="#">AB 369/Kamlager</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 381/Davies</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 382/Kamlager</a>	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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<a href="#">AB 418/Valladares</a>	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
<a href="#">AB 420/Quirk Silva</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 422/Friedman</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 439/Bauer-Kahan</a> A – Health	Adds nonbinary as an option for gender identity on death certificates.	Watch 2/25/21		Vital Stats
<a href="#">AB 457/Santiago</a>	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
<a href="#">AB 536/Rodriguez</a>	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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<a href="#">AB 541/Berman</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 580/Rodriguez</a>	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
<a href="#">AB 585/L. Rivas</a>	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
<a href="#">AB 598/R. Rivas</a> 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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<a href="#">AB 619/Calderon</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 653/Waldron</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 654/Reyes</a> 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
<a href="#">AB 875/Wood</a> 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
<a href="#">ACR 29/Voepel</a> A – Rules	Designates September 2021 as Opioid Awareness Month in California.	S-3 2/25/21		Drug & Alcohol Services

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<b>Senate Bills</b>				
<a href="#">SB 17/Pan</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 49/Umberg</a> S – Bus., Profs. & Econ. Develop. and Gov’t Finance	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		COVID-19
<a href="#">SB 56/Durazo</a> S – Health Amended 3/1/21 Hearing: 3/10/21	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
<a href="#">SB 57/Wiener</a> S – Health Amended 3/1/21 Hearing: 3/10/21	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
<a href="#">SB 102/Melendez</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 209/Dahle</a> S – Gov’t Org Amended 3/4/21	Terminates state of emergency <del>seven</del> 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
<a href="#">SB 217/Dahle</a> S – Education Hearing: 3/10/21	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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<a href="#">SB 235/Allen</a> S – Health <b>Amended 3/1/21</b> <i>Hearing: 3/10/21</i>	<p>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 <b>an alcoholic beverage</b>. 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.</p>	Watch/BB 2/25/21	Same as AB 45/Aguiar-Curry	Cannabis
<a href="#">SB 256/Pan</a> S – Health	<p>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.</p>	Watch 2/25/21	See also AB 875/Wood.	CalAIM
<a href="#">SB 296/Limón</a> S – Public Safety <i>Hearing: 3/23/21</i>	<p>Requires each local jurisdiction that employs code enforcement officers to develop code enforcement officer safety standards.</p>	Watch 2/25/21	Sponsor: California Association of Code Enforcement Officers	Environmental Health
<a href="#">SB 306/Pan</a> S – Health; Bus., Profs. & Econ. Develop.; and Judiciary	<p>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 reimbursement in the Family PACT program 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.</p>	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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<a href="#">SB 311/Hueso</a> S – Health <b>Amended 3/1/21</b> <i>Hearing: 3/10/21</i>	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
<a href="#">SB 316/Eggman</a> S – Health <i>Hearing: 3/10/21</i>	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
<a href="#">SB 326/Pan</a> S – Health <i>Hearing: 3/10/21</i>	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
<a href="#">SB 336/Ochoa Bogh</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 367/Hurtado</a> S – Education <i>Hearing: 3/17/21</i>	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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<a href="#">SB 371/Caballero</a> 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
<a href="#">SB 395/Caballero</a>	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
<a href="#">SB 397/Jones</a> S – Judiciary; Gov. 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
<a href="#">SB 398/Skinner</a> 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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<a href="#">SB 402/Hurtado</a>	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
<a href="#">SB 409/Caballero</a> S – Bus., Prof., & Econ. Devel. <i>Hearing: 3/8/21</i>	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
<a href="#">SB 428/Hurtado</a> S – Health	Requires health plans to provide coverage for Adverse Childhood Events (ACES) screenings.	Watch 2/25/21		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
<a href="#">SCR 5/Melendez</a>	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.