



Legislative Bill Chart #26 – Final Actions October 12, 2021

Bill Number/ Author/Location	Description	CHEAC Position	Comments	Platform Subject
Assembly Bills				
AB 4/Arambula S – Appr SUSPENSE FILE TWO YEAR BILL	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 – Appr TWO YEAR BILL	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 S – Health Amended 5/24/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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. Requires DHCS to consult with stakeholders to develop one or more federally permissible alternative payment methods for FQHCs and RHCs for specified services.	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 Signed by Governor Chapter 576, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/2/21	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 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. Requires the Department of Cannabis Control to prepare a report outlining steps to allow for the incorporation of hemp cannabinoids into the cannabis supply chain. Prohibits the manufacture or sale of industrial hemp inhalable products until the Legislature establishes a tax on inhalable products. Prohibits the inclusion of specified substances in inhalable products.	Watch/BB 2/25/21	Same as SB 235/Allen.	Cannabis
AB 54/Kiley A – Bus. & Prof. and Gov't Org. FAILED PASSAGE (Bus. & Prof.) Amended 4/5/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Prohibits the Department of Consumer Affairs and any licensing board under its purview, except for those that are healing arts, 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.	O-2 4/7/21	Same as SB 102/Melendez.	COVID-19
AB 69/Kiley A – Emergency Management TWO YEAR BILL	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

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AB 93/E. Garcia A – Health TWO YEAR BILL	Requires the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) to conduct a review and analysis of the state’s response to the pandemic. Requires that during a viral pandemic or similar health care emergency that the state include multiple community health centers as part of its organizational response structure. Requires the state to provide an ongoing supply chain of medical supplies and equipment necessary to address the level of need established by the COVID-19 pandemic. Requires CDPH and DHCS to collaborate to develop a statewide, comprehensive plan to conduct an outreach and education campaign during a viral pandemic or health care emergency. Defines priority tiers in statute for certain types of workers to be prioritized for rapid testing and vaccinations during a pandemic.	Watch w/ Concerns 4/8/21		Communicable Disease Control
AB 108/Cunningham A – Emergency Management TWO YEAR BILL	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 – Appr Amended 3/25/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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
AB 118/Kamlager Signed by Governor Chapter 694, Statutes of 2021 Amended 8/26/21	Establishes the Community Response Initiative to Strengthen Emergency Systems (CRISES) Act Grant Pilot Program within the California Department of Social Services (CDSS), contingent upon an appropriation in the 2021 Budget Act, to create and strengthen community-based alternatives to law enforcement to lessen the reliance on law enforcement agencies as first responders to crisis situations unrelated to a fire department or EMS response. Requires CDSS to award grants to eligible entities based on criteria developed in partnership with a stakeholder group. Requires that grantees receive a minimum award of \$250,000 per year. Requires grantees to award 90 percent or more of grant funds to one or more qualifying community-based organizations. Specifies grantee and CBO responsibilities. Requires CDSS to establish a stakeholder workgroup, including representatives from an EMS system and public health professional. 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 – Business & Professions TWO YEAR BILL	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 122/Boerner Horvath Vetoed by Governor Amended 7/8/21	Requires bicyclists when approaching a stop sign to yield the right of way to any vehicles that have stopped at the intersection, entered the intersection, or are approaching the intersection and to pedestrians until it is reasonably safe to proceed. Specifies sunset date of January 1, 2028.	Watch 5/6/21	Note: Ostensibly allows bicyclists to treat stop sign as yield sign. Sponsor: CA Bicycle Coalition Veto message available here.	Injury Prevention

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AB 125/R. Rivas A – Nat. Res. TWO YEAR BILL	Enacts the Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond Act of 2022, which if approved by voters during the November 2022 general election, would authorize the issuance of \$3.3 billion in general obligation bonds for various agriculture, climate resilience, and food access purposes.	Watch 4/15/21		Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
AB 234/Ramos A – Appr TWO YEAR BILL	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 S – Appr SUSPENSE FILE Amended 6/21/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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	Sponsors: CHEAC, HOAC, SEIU California, UCC, RCRC, Public Health Advocates	Public Health Infrastructure
AB 257/Gonzalez A – Floor Inactive File FAILED PASSAGE (Reconsideration granted) TWO YEAR BILL	Establishes the Fast-Food Sector Council to set forth industry-wide minimum standards on wages, working hours, and working conditions adequate to ensure and maintain health, safety, and welfare of fast food restaurant workers. Specifies membership and appointment processes for the council, including representatives from CDPH, Cal/OHSA, and fast-food franchisor, franchisees, and employees. Requires the council to conduct a full review of the adequacy of minimum fast food employment standards at least once every three years and conduct public hearings every six months to review issues related to fast food restaurant health, safety, and employment conditions. Authorizes county and city with a population greater than 200,000 to establish a Local Fast Food Sector Council to provide direction to and coordinate with local enforcement agencies. Specifies labor and employment condition provisions. Amends existing Health and Safety Code provisions to include COVID-19 within the list of foodborne illnesses to be reported to and investigated by the local health officer.	Watch 4/8/21	4/9/21: HOAC OUA due to inclusion of COVID-19 in list of foodborne illnesses.	Environmental Health
AB 263/Arambula Signed by Governor Chapter 294, Statutes of 2021 Amended 8/18/21	Requires private detention facility operator to comply with and adhere to all local and state public health orders and occupational safety and health regulations. Specifies section does not modify authority, powers, or duties of local health officials with regard to state prisons, county jails, or other state or local correctional facilities. Includes urgency clause.	S-2 3/18/21	Sponsors: Immigrant Defense Advocates; NextGen; Physicians for Human Rights; California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice HOAC Supports	COVID-19
AB 327/Kiley A – Health TWO YEAR BILL	Prohibits state agencies, local governments, or other governmental authorities from adopting or enforcing any order, ordinance, policy, regulation, or rule that requires an individual to provide COVID-19 vaccination documentation in order to receive any service or enter any place. Also prohibits any public or private entity who receive or are awarded state funds to also adopt any of these provisions.	Watch 4/15/21		COVID-19

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AB 362/Quirk-Silva Signed by Governor Chapter 395, Statutes of 2021 Amended 8/26/21	Requires each city or county that receives a complaint regarding a homeless shelter to inspect the shelter and take specified actions based on findings. Specifies the owner or operator of homeless shelter is responsible for correcting shelter violation(s). Authorizes city or county to impose an additional civil penalty on shelter owner or operator that fails to correct violations and prohibits city or county from awarding or distributing state funds to an owner or operator that fails to correct violations within a specified time period. Requires city and county to submit a report on homeless shelter inspections by April 1 of each year to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). Specifies city and county not required to submit report if no violations were determined during the applicable period. Authorizes DHCD or Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency to deem a shelter owner or operator ineligible for state funding based on findings. Specifies "homeless shelter" does not include facilities funded by Project Roomkey administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).	Watch 4/9/21		Health Equity
AB 369/Kamlager Vetoed by Governor Amended 6/15/21	Requires DHCS to implement a program of presumptive eligibility for homeless individuals to the extent federal financial participation is available. Requires Medi-Cal managed care plans to reimburse enrolled Medi-Cal providers for services rendered to homeless individuals off the premises of the Medi-Cal provider's office. Authorizes person experiencing homelessness to receive primary care services and referrals for specialty care from any Medi-Cal enrolled provider.	S-2 6/10/21	Sponsors: The Street Medicine Institute, University of Southern CA, and USC Keck School of Medicine Veto message available here.	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
AB 381/Davies Signed by Governor Chapter 437, Statutes of 2021 Amended 6/14/21	Requires licensed adult alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities to administer naloxone hydrochloride or any opioid antagonist approved by the U.S. FDA for treatment of an opioid overdose and have at least one staff member on premises who knows where facility naloxone hydrochloride or approved opioid antagonist 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 418/Valladares Vetoed by Governor Amended 5/24/21	Establishes the Community Power Resiliency Program within CalOES to support local government efforts to improve resiliency in response to power outage events. Requires CalOES to provide grant funding to counties, cities, special districts, and tribes to plan and deploy emergency resilience projects. States intent of Legislature to enact future legislation providing funding for the program.	Watch 2/25/21	Veto message available here.	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
AB 420/Quirk Silva A – Arts, Entertainment, Sports, Tourism, & Internet Media; Labor & Employ. Amended 2/25/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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

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AB 422/Friedman A – Gov. Org. TWO YEAR BILL	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 526/Wood Signed by Governor Chapter 653, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/1/21	Authorizes dentists and podiatrists to independently prescribe and administer FDA approved or authorized vaccines.	S-3 4/8/21		Communicable Disease Control
AB 536/Rodriguez S – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE TWO YEAR BILL	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
AB 580/Rodriguez Signed by Governor Chapter 744, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/3/21	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 S – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE Amended 7/13/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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 and support local and regional efforts to mitigate the impacts of and reduce the public health risks of extreme heat. 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, CDPH, or both.	S-3 2/25/21	Sponsor: Climate Resolve	Built Environment & Climate Change

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AB 598/R. Rivas A – Health & Judiciary TWO YEAR BILL	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
AB 619/Calderon Signed by Governor Chapter 412, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/3/21	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. Specifies the CDPH Air Quality Health Plan shall supplement any existing CDPH resource for use by counties during significant air quality events. Requires counties, in advance of the next update to emergency plans, 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; authorizes counties to utilize existing hierarchies to assign plan responsibilities.	Watch 7/1/21		Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
AB 650/Muratsuchi A – Floor Inactive File Amended 6/1/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires health care employers that employ 100 or more employees to provide hazard pay retention bonuses to employees providing direct patient care or services directly supporting patient care including but not limited to pharmacists, clinicians, nurses, aides, technicians, janitorial and housekeeping staff, security, food services, laundry, and administrative staff. Requires employer to pay quarterly bonuses of specified amounts in 2022, ranging from an annual total of \$4,000 to \$10,000 depending on employee status. Authorizes an employer to reduce the total sum of bonuses if any qualifying monetary bonus was provided to the employee during the COVID-19 pandemic. Authorizes employer to seek a complete or partial exemption from the hazard pay retention bonus requirement based on an inability to pay. Requires labor commissioner, for a private employer, to make a determination of whether to grant the exemption and authorizes commissioner to require the private employer to pay an administrative fee associated with the determination.	O-2 5/27/21	Sponsor: SEIU California Opposed: CAPH; CA Hospital Association; CA Medical Association; University of California; Kaiser Permanente; Numerous Hospital and Health Systems	COVID-19

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AB 653/Waldron Signed by Governor Chapter 745, Statutes of 2021 Amended 8/26/21	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, mobile crisis teams, and funding to increase capacity for community-based MAT and SUD treatment services. Requires data reporting on funded activities.	Watch 2/25/21		Drug & Alcohol Services
AB 654/Reyes Signed by Governor Chapter 522, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/1/21	Requires employers, when giving notice to the LHD of a workplace COVID-19 outbreak, to provide the notice within 48 hours or one business day, whichever is later. Requires CDPH to make workplace COVID-19 outbreak and case data information available on their website.	Watch 2/25/21	Clean-up to AB 685/Reyes.	COVID-19
AB 702/Santiago A – Business & Professions TWO YEAR BILL	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
AB 714/Maienschein A – Health TWO YEAR BILL	Requires most congregate care facilities, not just skilled nursing facilities, to reported communicable disease related information to CDPH and to inform patients or residents about communicable disease cases within their facilities.	Watch 3/18/21		Communicable Disease Control
AB 751/Irwin Signed by Governor Chapter 623, Statutes of 2021 Amended 7/15/21	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
AB 757/Davies A – Labor & Employment TWO YEAR BILL	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
AB 768/Holden A – Education TWO YEAR BILL	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

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AB 789/Low Signed by Governor Chapter 470, Statutes of 2021 Amended 6/28/21	Requires any patient receiving primary care services in a facility, clinic, unlicensed clinic, center, office, or other setting where primary care services are provided to be offered a Hep B or Hep C screening test if their insurance covers the cost. 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 for Hep C.	S-3 3/11/21		Communicable Disease Control
AB 805/Maienschein A – Appr SUSPENSE FILE TWO YEAR BILL	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 Association	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
AB 814/Levine S – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE Amended 7/8/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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. Authorizes state or local health department to disclose specified contact tracing data to University of California or a nonprofit educational institution conducting scientific research. Prohibits law enforcement officials from engaging in contact tracing, unless conducting contact tracing among employees of the same law enforcement agency. Authorizes healthcare worker who is not a correctional officer to conduct contact tracing in a jail or prison.	Watch 3/11/21	Similar to last year's AB 661/Levine	Communicable Disease Control
AB 816/Chiu Signed by Governor Chapter 396, Statutes of 2021 Amended 7/16/21	Requires California Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to award specified funds to projects serving people experiencing homelessness. Authorizes DHCD to alter priority criteria for funding to align eligibility for possible benefits, including Medi-Cal benefits, intended to fund services for people experiencing homelessness.	Watch 3/11/21		Health Equity
AB 833/Quirk-Silva A – Accountability & Admin. Review TWO YEAR BILL	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

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AB 835/Nazarian S – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE Amended 7/12/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires every patient who is 12 years of age and older and has blood drawn at a hospital emergency department to be offered an HIV test, consistent with the most recent CDC and U.S. Preventive Services Task Force guidance. Requires hospital to attempt to provide test results before patient leaves the facility. Authorizes emergency department to refer patient with positive test result to a local health department or other qualified third party to provide post-HIV testing counseling and requires patients to be provided a standard form developed by CDPH that includes information on HIV and LHD contact information. Specifies testing offer does is not required if emergency department medical personnel determine the patient is being treated for a life-threatening emergency, if the patient lacks capacity to consent to an HIV test, if the person was a patient of the hospital emergency department within the previous 12 months and was offered and consented to an HIV test, or if the person is pregnant and was already tested.	Watch 3/11/21	Sponsor: AIDS Healthcare Foundation	Communicable Disease Control
AB 893/Davies A – Accountability & Admin. Review TWO YEAR BILL	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
AB 941/Bennett Signed by Governor Chapter 203, Statutes of 2021 Amended 8/26/21	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 labor and employment rights, education, housing, utilities, 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, provide services in at least English and Spanish, provide an assessment of the population the center would service, and maintain a database to track calls and referrals. Requires DCSD to convene a workgroup with representatives from local health departments, CWDA, and others.	Watch 3/11/21	Note: Program modeled after the Ventura County Farmworker Resource Program within the Ventura County Human Services Agency.	Health Equity

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AB 988/Bauer-Kahan S – Gov. Org.; Health Amended 6/22/21 TWO YEAR BILL	<p>Establishes provisions related to the statewide 988 behavioral health crisis hotline and services. Requires 988 centers to provide a person experiencing a behavioral health crisis access to a trained counselor by call by July 16, 2022, and by call, text, and chat by January 1, 2027. Requires mobile crisis teams to respond to any individual in need of immediate suicidal or behavioral health crisis intervention services in a timely manner in all jurisdictions. Requires any call made to 911 pertaining to a behavioral health crisis to be transferred to a 988 center. Requires CalOES to implement 988 emergency communications systems and processes. Establishes the State 988 Technical Advisory Board and sets forth responsibilities of the board relative to developing policies, practices, and procedures for 988 systems communications. Requires CalOES, in partnership with the California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Agency, to develop a plan to fully implement 988 provisions by January 1, 2027. Requires CHHS to provide direction and oversight of the implementation and administration of mental health services available through 988. Requires county boards of supervisors to appoint a 988 Local Planning Council by July 1, 2022, to implement guidelines, standards, and regulations established by CalOES and CHHS relative to the coordination of county behavioral health crisis services with 988 centers, EMS, law enforcement, and other entities. Establishes a 988 surcharge on all telephone access lines to support 988 crisis hotline centers and mobile crisis team deployment. Includes urgency clause.</p>	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
AB 998/Lackey S – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE Amended 3/30/21 TWO YEAR BILL	<p>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 who received mental health services while in custody of the transferring facility 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.</p>	Watch 3/11/21	Sponsor: AFSCME	Jail & Community Corrections Services

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AB 1017/Quirk-Silva S – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE Amended 7/12/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires local governments to complete an inventory of public restrooms owned and maintained, either directly or by contract, by the local government available to the general population. Requires local governments to submit a report to CDPH no later than July 1, 2022, providing a map and listing of available public restrooms, including hours of operation, basic maintenance practices, security presence, and applicable usage fees. Requires local governments to develop short- and long-term strategies for ensuring general and homeless populations have adequate access to restrooms. Requires local governments to make available restroom location data on its internet website and in user friendly formats, including paper pamphlet, PDF, and complete data in a binder. Requires local governments to make available restroom data to agencies and service providers that work directly with homeless populations.	Watch 3/11/21		Health Equity
AB 1034/Bloom S – Bus., Prof., & Econ. Devel. Amended 3/4/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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
AB 1038/Gipson S – Appr SUSPENSE FILE Amended 7/12/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Establishes the California Health Equity Program within the CDPH Office of Health Equity for the purpose of awarding competitive grants to community-based organizations (CBOs), community clinics, local health departments, and tribal organizations. Specifies grants shall be used to support partnerships in the areas of housing security, food security, economic stability, schools and childcare, Health in All Policies, and health-promoting built environments. Specifies selection criteria for competitive grants, including elevated COVID-19 death rates, high risks of health inequities, and implementation readiness. Establishes the 15-member California Health Equity Fund Oversight and Accountability Committee to monitor grant activities.	Watch 4/8/21	Sponsors: California Black Health Network; Latino Coalition for a Healthy California; Public Health Institute; Roots of Change; APPEAL Companion measure to sponsoring group's California Health Equity Fund budget request	Health Equity
AB 1044/Rodriguez A – Emergency Management Amended 3/30/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires Cal OES to review and make recommendations to the California Legislature and the California Congressional delegation on how to enhance the effectiveness of the Strategic National Stockpile, the federal Defense Production Act, the California stockpile of PPE, and the procurement of PPE as part of its COVID-19 Pandemic After-Action Report.	Watch 3/11/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
AB 1046/Rubio S – Rules Amended 5/24/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires the California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Agency, upon availability of funding, 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)

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AB 1050/Gray A – Appr SUSPENSE FILE Amended 4/19/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Prohibits DHCS from taking action that materially increases the administrative burden or cost of dispensing 340B drugs by FQHCs and RHCs. Requires Medi-Cal enrollment application to include a statement authorizing use of Free to End User text messaging for appointment reminders or outreach efforts at no more than a sixth-grade reading level.	Watch 3/11/21	Sponsor: Community Health Center Alliance for Patient Access	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
AB 1064/Fong Signed by Governor Chapter 655, Statutes of 2021	Allows pharmacists to independently initiative and administer any vaccine approved or authorized by the FDA.	Watch 3/18/21		Communicable Disease Control
AB 1094/Arambula Signed by Governor Chapter 177, Statutes of 2021	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).	Watch 3/11/21		Health Equity
AB 1117/Wicks A – Education TWO YEAR BILL	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.	Watch 3/11/21		Health Equity

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AB 1130/Wood S – Health & Judiciary Amended 6/1/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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.	Watch 3/11/21	Note: Also proposed as part of the Governor's January budget.	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
AB 1144/R. Rivas Signed by Governor Chapter 178, Statutes of 2021	Increases cottage food operations gross annual sales limits from \$50,000 to \$75,000 for Class A operations and \$150,000 for Class B operations. Authorizes Class B operations to engage in direct and indirect sales of cottage food products and Class A operations to engage in direct sales statewide. Specifies a Class A or Class B operation registration or permit from one county shall be sufficient for operation throughout the state. Requires cottage food operations to renew its registration or permit annually.	Watch 3/11/21		Environmental Health
AB 1160/Rubio A – Health TWO YEAR BILL	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.	S-2 3/11/21		Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
AB 1163/Nazarian A – Rev. & Tax. TWO YEAR BILL	Repeals existing statutory prohibition on local jurisdictions' authority to enact new taxes on groceries, including sugar-sweetened beverages (SSBs).	S-2 3/11/21	Note: 2018 budget measure prohibited local jurisdictions from imposing new taxes on groceries until Jan. 1, 2031. Sponsors: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; American Heart Association; California Dental Association; Public Health Advocates; Public Health Institute	Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
AB 1197/Quirk-Silva A – Education TWO YEAR BILL	Revises nutrition standards for school breakfasts and lunches to be more stringent than current federal requirements related to sodium and added sugars. Requires sodium amounts to align with NASEM dietary reference intakes and added sugar amounts to align with existing federal nutrition standards.	S-2 3/11/21	Sponsors: American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network; American Heart Association; American Diabetes Association	Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
AB 1202/Cervantes A – Appr Amended 4/15/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires counties to ensure local assistance centers are accessible to people with access and functional needs. Requires counties to designate, prearrange, and procure space to aid in sheltering and transporting its homeless population during local and state emergencies and emergency evacuations. Requires counties upon the next update to its emergency plan to integrate transportation and sheltering plans for homeless populations. Requires counties to enter into agreements with transportation agencies to transport homeless populations to shelters and local assistance centers in the event of a local or state emergency.	Watch 3/25/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness

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AB 1204/Wicks Signed by Governor Chapter 751, Statutes of 2021 Amended 8/31/21	Requires hospitals to annually prepare and submit to the Department of Health Care Access and Information (DHCAI) an equity report that addresses health status and access to care disparities among patients and plans for addressing health care disparities. Requires DHCAI to post reports online and authorizes DHCAI to impose a fine for not submitting a plan. Modifies statutory definition of “vulnerable populations” to include racial minority groups and socially disadvantaged groups. Requires DHCAI to form a Health Care Equity Measures Advisory Committee with specified membership and responsibilities.	Watch 3/11/21		Health Equity
AB 1207/Weber Vetoed by Governor Amended 9/1/21	Establishes the Pathways Through Pandemics Task Force within the California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Agency to study lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic and to develop strategies to navigate future pandemics. Specifies task force membership, including representatives from the CDPH Office of Health Equity, CHEAC, CCLHO, and urban and rural counties. Authorizes task force to hold hearings and request the attendance and testimony of witnesses.	S-2 7/1/21	Veto message available here .	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
AB 1214/Waldron S – Health Amended 6/23/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Would make an incarcerated individual eligible for Medi-Cal 30 days prior to their release date if they otherwise meet Medi-Cal eligibility criteria but for their commitment in a correctional facility. Directs DHCS to seek any necessary federal waivers or state plan amendments to implement these provisions.	Watch 4/8/21		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
AB 1217/Rodriguez A – Appr Amended 4/8/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Allows CDPH to rotate PPE in their stockpile by selling it to a nonprofit, local government, or provider.	Watch/BB 3/11/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
AB 1220/L. Rivas Signed by Governor Chapter 398, Statutes of 2021 Amended 8/31/21	Renames the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness. Modifies membership of the council. Requires state agencies or departments administering homelessness programs, upon the request of the council, to participate in council workgroups, task forces, or other similar administrative structures.	Watch 3/18/21		Health Equity
AB 1223/Levine A – Floor FAILED PASSAGE (Reconsideration Granted) Amended 6/10/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Imposes an excise tax of 10 percent of the sales price of a handgun and 11 percent of the sales price of a long gun, rifle, firearm part, and ammunition. Specifies tax revenues shall be continuously appropriated to the Gun Violence Prevention, Healing, and Recovery Fund. Includes urgency clause.	Watch 4/8/21		Injury Prevention

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AB 1238/Ting Vetoed by Governor Amended 7/6/21	Repeals existing statutes requiring pedestrians to obey traffic signals, cross a roadway only at a crosswalk, and walk on the left-hand side of the roadway when a sidewalk is not present. Repeals existing statute authorizing local governments to adopt ordinances prohibiting pedestrians from crossing roadways at locations other than crosswalks. Prohibits pedestrians from being subject to a fine or criminal penalty for crossing or entering a roadway when no cars are present. Requires CHP to submit annual report on injuries beginning January 2023. Specifies sunset of January 2029.	Watch 6/10/21	Sponsors: CA Bicycle Coalition, California Walks, Los Angeles Walks, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area See also AB 122/Boerner-Horvath Veto message available here.	Injury Prevention
AB 1251/Muratsuchi A – Health Amended 4/5/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires a public health order issued by the local health officer for Los Angeles County, during the COVID-19 pandemic, to be based on data for each county service planning area.	O-2 4/8/21	HOAC opposed	Communicable Disease Control
AB 1276/Carrillo Signed by Governor Chapter 505, Statutes of 2021 Amended 8/26/21	Prohibits a food facility from providing any single-use foodware accessory or standard condiment unless specifically requested by a consumer. Prohibits food facilities from bundling or packaging single-use foodware accessories and standard condiments packaged for single use in a manner that disallows the consumer from taking only the type of item desired. Authorizes food facility to ask a drive-through consumer if the consumer wants a single-use food accessory if necessary for the consumer to consume ready-to-eat food or prevent spills or safely transport food. Requires delivery platforms to make available a function to allow consumers to request single-use food ware accessories. Requires local governments to authorize an enforcement agency to enforce section by June 1, 2022. Specifies penalty amounts. Exempts correctional institutions, health facilities, residential care facilities, and school cafeterias.	Watch 3/11/21		Environmental Health
AB 1306/Arambula S – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE Amended 6/16/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Adds legislative findings language relative to the Health Professions Careers Opportunity Program (HCOP) under the jurisdiction of OSHPD. Added language identifies the urgent and growing need for California to expand the pool of diverse health workers to and connect them more effectively to jobs statewide. Incorporates recommendations set forth by the California Future Health Workforce Commission and authorizes OSHPD to fund 20 pilot programs to serve 4,800 students, secure ongoing funding and establish statewide infrastructure to support the pilot program, and fund internships and fellowships in community health centers, local health departments, and public behavioral health settings to enable more students to compete for graduate health professions programs and employment.	Watch 4/8/21	Note: See also SB 395/Caballero which proposes to dedicate e-cigarette tax revenues to HCOP Program.	Public Health Workforce

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AB 1328/Irwin S – Appr SUSPENSE FILE Amended 7/14/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Authorizes licensed pharmacists and specified licensed pharmacist interns to perform a CLIA-waived clinical laboratory test or examination. Authorizes licensed pharmacists to order and interpret tests for the purpose of promoting patient health. Broadens scope of licensed pharmacists by authorizing patient assessment procedures and health screenings. Revises requirements related to procedures performed by a licensed pharmacist to be a condition for which the patient has first been seen by a diagnosing or treating prescriber.	Watch 3/25/21	Sponsor: CA Society of Health System Pharmacists	Access to Health Services
AB 1344/Arambula Signed by Governor Chapter 480, Statutes of 2021 Amended 8/24/21	Exempts needle and syringe exchange services application submissions, authorizations, and operations performed to be exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and states these provisions are declaratory of existing law.	Watch 4/1/21		Communicable Disease Control
AB 1355/Levine A – Health TWO YEAR BILL	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.	Watch 3/11/21		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
AB 1358/Muratsuchi S – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE Amended 7/8/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires CDPH to establish standards for the collection of demographic information of California residents by local health officers and health care providers, including vaccination sites. Standards established must include the collection of data for the major Asian and Pacific Islander groups, median income, employment status, languages spoken, and occupation.	Watch 7/1/21		Communicable Disease Control
AB 1360/Santiago A – Appr SUSPENSE FILE Amended 5/4/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires local governments to make every effort to ensure that individuals housed under Project Roomkey do not return to homelessness. Requires local jurisdictions to develop a plan that includes specified strategies, including exercising public authority to acquire hotels or motels or developing and implementing a local program to lease or purchase hotels or motels.	Watch 4/8/21		Health Equity

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AB 1372/Muratsuchi A – Housing & Community Devel. TWO YEAR BILL	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.	Watch 3/11/21	CSAC: Watch	Health Equity
AB 1388/Low A – Appr SUSPENSE FILE Amended 4/22/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires CDPH to report COVID-19 death data by zip code on the COVID-19 state dashboard. CDPH also required to create a uniform dashboard for LHDs to use for reporting COVID-19 data on their public websites.	Watch 5/6/21		COVID-19
AB 1394/Irwin A – Health Amended 4/5/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires general acute care hospitals on or before January 2023 to establish and adopt written policies and procedures to screen patients for risk of suicide and screen those patients pursuant to written policies and procedures.	Watch 4/8/21		Injury Prevention
AB 1400/Kalra TWO YEAR BILL	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.	Special Interest Bill 3/11/21	Sponsor: CA Nurses Assn	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
AB 1403/Levine Vetoed by Governor Amended 6/9/21	Adds a deenergization event as a condition qualifying as a state or local emergency in statute.	S-3 3/11/21	Similar to SB 52/Dodd Veto message available here.	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
AB 1407/Burke Signed by Governor Chapter 445, Statutes of 2021 Amended 7/15/21	Requires schools of nursing and nursing programs to include direct participation in one hour of implicit bias training as a requirement for graduation. Requires nurse licensees, beginning January 2023, within the first two years of holding their license to complete one-hour of direct participation in an implicit bias course. Requires hospitals to implement an evidence-based implicit bias program as part of its new graduate training program that hires and trains new nursing graduates.	S-2 3/25/21		Health Equity

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AB 1430/Arambula A – Appr Amended 4/21/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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 opioid factsheet 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
AB 1435/Carrillo A – Rev. & Tax.; Bus. & Prof. TWO YEAR BILL	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
AB 1441/Cervantes S – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE Amended 5/24/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires CalOES, at the request of a county, to assist the county, in conjunction with local hospitals, to prepare for an emergency disaster evacuation for critically ill newborn infants in neonatal intensive care units in the county.	Watch 4/8/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
AB 1477/Cervantes Signed by Governor Chapter 535, Statutes of 2021 Amended 6/21/21	Requires health care practitioners providing prenatal, postpartum, or interpregnancy care to ensure the patient is offered screening or is appropriately screened for maternal mental health conditions.	Watch 4/8/21		Maternal, Child, & Adolescent Health (MCAH)
AB 1488/Cervantes A – Appr SUSPENSE FILE Amended 4/14/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires counties upon the next update to its emergency plan to work with Mutual Aid and Administrative Regions, the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to coordinate interregional agreements for acquisition or deployment of medical equipment for access and functional needs populations. Requires EMSA, subject to an appropriation, to contract with city and county EMS agencies to provide prearranged assistance to jurisdictions in planning, organizing, implementing and maintaining regional emergency medical equipment.	Watch 3/25/21		Public Health Emergency Preparedness

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AB 1500/E. Garcia A – Rules Amended 5/11/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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 June 2022 Primary Election, would authorize the issuance of \$7.08 billion in bonds for various built environment and climate change projects statewide. Includes urgency clause.	Watch 3/11/21		Built Environment & Climate Change
AB 1585 (Asm. Health) Signed by Governor Chapter 181, Statutes of 2021	Adds additional requirements for skilled nursing facility infection preventionists including they be professionally trained and licensed nurses, medical technologists, microbiologists, epidemiologists, public health professionals or other health care related fields and to have completed specialized training in infection prevention and control.	Watch 3/18/21		Communicable Disease Control
ACR 29/Voepel S – Rules	Designates September 2021 as Opioid Awareness Month in California.	S-3 2/25/21		Drug & Alcohol Services
ACR 37/Seyarto Enrolled w/ SoS Chapter 134, Statutes of 2021	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
ACR 46/Kiley	Declares an end to the state of emergency declared on March 4, 2020 and terminates the Governor’s emergency powers.	Watch 3/18/21	Same as SCR 5/Melendez.	COVID-19

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SB 17/Pan A – Appr Amended 7/1/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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. Creates Chief Equity Officer position within the Government Operations Agency and specifies responsibilities, including collaborating with the Office of Racial Equity to develop a statewide equity framework.	S-2 2/25/21	CWDA, CAPH, and CBHDA Support	Health Equity
SB 46/Stern S – Gov. Org. TWO YEAR BILL	Requires any state agency that receives funding from the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) to consider impacts on rectifying the inequities caused by COVID-19 on those populations and communities most negatively impacted. Requires funded agencies to set aside a certain percentage of funding for programs aimed at prioritizing areas with the highest unemployment rates, the worst COVID-19 health outcomes, and highest population of minority-owned businesses.	Watch 3/18/21		COVID-19
SB 52/Dodd Signed by Governor Chapter 597, Statutes of 2021 Amended 8/26/21	Defines a deenergization event as a planned power outage. Adds a deenergization event as a condition qualifying as a state or local emergency in statute.	S-3 4/15/21	Similar to AB 1403/Levine	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
SB 56/Durazo A – Appr Amended 6/14/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Expands, effective July 2022, Medi-Cal to all undocumented adults 60 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 5/28/21: Aligns with Governor's May Revision proposal to expand coverage to undocumented individuals ages 60 and older.	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
SB 57/Wiener A – Health Amended 7/5/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Authorizes the City and County of San Francisco, the City of Oakland, City of Los Angeles, 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

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SB 65/Skinner Signed by Governor Chapter 449, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/2/21	Establishes, beginning August 2022, the Maternal Morbidity Review Committee to replace the California Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review Committee and sets forth roles and responsibilities of the committee relative to maternal morbidity and mortality. Requires counties to annually report infant deaths to the LHD. Requires LHDs, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, to establish a Fetal and Infant Mortality Review Committee to investigate and prevent fetal and infant deaths if the county has five or more infant deaths in a single year and if the county has a death rate that is higher than the state's death rate for two consecutive years. Requires LHDs participating in the Fetal and Infant Mortality Review process to annually investigate, track, and review a minimum of 20 percent of infant deaths, establish a review committee consisting of community members, conduct interviews and/or reports/investigations, and offer grief counseling to surviving family members. Requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to convene a workgroup to examine the implementation of the Medi-Cal doula care benefit established in the 2021 Budget Act. Requires Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD), upon an appropriation by the Legislature, to contract with programs specified programs that train certified nurse-midwives and licensed midwives.	S-2 9/2/21		Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Services
SB 102/Melendez S – Bus, Prof. & Econ. Develop. FAILED PASSAGE Amended 3/17/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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. Includes urgency clause.	O-2 3/18/21	Same as AB 54/Kiley. HOAC Opposes	Communicable Disease Control
SB 108/Hurtado A – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE Amended 5/20/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Declares the established policy of the state that every human being has the right to access sufficient affordable and healthy food. Requires all relevant state agencies, including CDSS, CDFA, and CDPH, to consider the policy when revising, adopting, or establishing policies, regulations, or grant criteria when pertinent to food and nutrition assistance. Requires CDSS, in consultation with CDFA and the Department of Conservation, to submit a report to the legislature on food access, nutrition assistance, and availability of sufficient affordable and healthy foods.	Watch 3/25/21		Chronic Disease Prevention and Wellness Promotion
SB 209/Dahle S – Gov. Org. Amended 3/4/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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 – Appr Amended 5/5/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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 – Floor Inactive File Amended 5/20/21 TWO YEAR BILL	<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 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.</p>	Watch/BB 2/25/21	Same as AB 45/Aguiar-Curry	Cannabis
SB 256/Pan A – Health Amended 5/11/21 TWO YEAR BILL	<p>Establishes the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) initiative and requires DHCS to seek necessary federal approvals and federal financial participation. Beginning January 2023, requires DHCS to implement the Population Health Management Program under the Medi-Cal managed care delivery system. Requires each Medi-Cal managed care plan to develop and maintain a beneficiary-centered population health management program that meets specified standards, including identifying and mitigating social determinants of health and reducing health disparities. Requires DHCS to implement an enhanced care management (ECM) as a covered Medi-Cal benefit, no sooner than January 2022, to address the clinical and nonclinical needs to specified Medi-Cal beneficiary target populations. Requires DHCS to annually publicly report utilization of ECM services. Requires DHCS to authorize Medi-Cal managed care plans to elect to cover cost effective and medically appropriate services in lieu of applicable Medi-Cal state plan services. Beginning January 2022, requires DHCS to make incentive payments available to Medi-Cal managed care plans that meet specified milestones and metrics associated with the implementation of CalAIM components. Authorizes DHCS to establish regional capitation rates.</p>	Watch 2/25/21	7/16/21: CalAIM provisions included in AB 133 (Health Omnibus TBL).	CalAIM
SB 296/Limón Signed by Governor Chapter 637, Statutes of 2021 Amended 5/20/21	<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

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SB 306/Pan Signed by Governor Chapter 486, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/7/21	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 specified health care professionals to provide syphilis screening and testing consistent with CDPH guidelines. Specifies that provisions neither limit LHJs' ability to provide additional recommendations or guidelines for syphilis testing nor health care professionals' ability to follow syphilis screening and testing recommendations or guidelines issued by an LHJ, as long as, at minimum, the professional complies with CDPH guidelines. Allows HIV counselors to perform specified STD tests and requires counselors to provide appropriate counseling and referrals before performing tests.	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
SB 311/Hueso Signed by Governor Chapter 384, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/1/21	Requires specified licensed health care facilities in CA to permit 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 A – Floor Inactive File TWO YEAR BILL	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 Signed by Governor Chapter 764, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/1/21	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

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SB 336/Ochoa Bogh Signed by Governor Chapter 487, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/2/21	Requires local health officers (LHO) or CDPH, when taking measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, to have those measures published and to specify the date a change or closure would take effect. Requires CDPH or LHOs to create an opportunity for local communities, businesses, nonprofits, and individuals to sign up for an email distribution list regarding changes to these orders. Includes urgency clause.	Watch 4/26/21		COVID-19
SB 364/Skinner S – Appr Amended 4/14/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, requires a school district maintaining grades K-12 or a charter school to provide two school meals free of charge during each school day to any pupil who requests a meal without consideration of the pupil's eligibility for a federally funded free or reduced-priced meal. Requires the California Department of Education (CDE) to reimburse schools for any expenses not covered by the federal government. Creates a non-competitive grant program to cover costs incurred from purchasing California-grown or produced school foods. Establishes the Better Out of School Time (BOOST) Nutrition EBT program to be administered by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to provide eligible pupils with breakfast and lunch benefits during regularly scheduled school breaks lasting longer than five days or during a state of emergency that closes the school for longer than five days. Requires CDSS to seek all available funding for the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) program and requires CDSS to issue BOOST EBT benefits to any child/pupil eligible for P-EBT benefits.	Watch 3/18/21		Health Equity
SB 367/Hurtado A – Rules Amended 4/12/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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 apply to use the statewide standing order issued by the State Public Health Officer to distribute doses of opioid reversal medication and apply to participate in the Naloxone Distribution Project administered by DHCS. Upon approval, requires campus health centers to distribute opioid overdose reversal medication.	S-3 2/25/21		Drug & Alcohol Services

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SB 371/Caballero A – Health Amended 5/20/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Directs funding to small physician/dental practices, community health centers, critical access hospitals, and other safety net providers as well s social service entities and community-based organizations addressing social health needs 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, including from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, the Medicaid Information Technology Architecture (MITA) program, or other demonstration projects 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. Requires health information organizations to be connected to the California Trusted Exchange Network (CTEN). Requires entities involved in health information exchange to comply with federal standards.	Special Interest Bill 2/25/21	Sponsor: CA Medical Association	Health Information Technology
SB 395/Caballero Signed by Governor Chapter 489, Statutes of 2021 Amended 8/30/21	Imposes a 12.5 percent tax on the retail sale of electronic cigarettes in California. Specifies allocation of tax revenues, consisting of 18 percent to Proposition 99 tobacco control programs, 12 percent to Proposition 10, and 48 percent to Proposition 56, five percent to the Health Careers Opportunity Grant Program, seven percent to the University of California to support medical education in the San Joaquin Valley, and 10 percent to the Small and Rural Hospital Relief Fund. Authorizes \$3 million General Fund loan for the purpose of implementing the tax. Creates the Small and Rural Hospital Relief Program for the purpose of funding seismic safety grants to small, rural, and critical access hospitals.	S-2 5/6/21	CSAC: Support	Tobacco Control

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SB 397/Jones S – Judiciary Amended 3/15/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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.	O-2 4/9/2021	Sponsors: California Family Council; Capital Resource Institute; Judeo-Christian Caucus; Real Impact	Public Health Emergency Preparedness
SB 398/Skinner S – Appr SUSPENSE FILE Amended 4/12/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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
SB 402/Hurtado A – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE Amended 6/14/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Would convene a multipayer payment reform collaborative including representatives 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 Signed by Governor Chapter 604, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/3/21	Allows pharmacists to conduct tests for specified conditions 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 Signed by Governor Chapter 641, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/3/21	Requires health plans to provide coverage for Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs) screenings.	Watch 2/25/21		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
SB 448/Melendez S – Gov. Org. TWO YEAR BILL	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

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SB 464/Hurtado A – Appr Amended 5/20/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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.	S-2 3/11/21	Sponsor: California Immigrant Policy Center CWDA: S-2	Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
SB 471/Hueso S – Bus., Prof. & Econ. Devel. and Gov. & Fin. Amended 4/21/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Creates the Racial and Economic Equity Grant Program to be administered by the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz) for the purposes of providing grants to address disproportionate impacts borne from the COVID-19 pandemic. Appropriates \$3.3 billion General Fund to provide grants with \$1 billion dedicated for comprehensive workforce development opportunities, \$1.3 billion dedicated for increasing educational outcomes and opportunities for COVID-19-impacted communities, and \$1 billion dedicated for improving public health outcomes for COVID-19-impacted communities. Includes urgency clause.	Watch 3/18/21		Health Equity
SB 487/Rubio A – Rules Amended 4/5/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires the Tobacco Education and Research Oversight Committee (TEROC) to submit its master plan on tobacco education programming and tobacco prevention and cessation efforts on a biennial basis. Requires the master plan to include a goal of achieving a 75 percent reduction in tobacco consumption by 2030. Requires TEROc to annually report to the Legislature specified information regarding state agency and department expenditures of Proposition 56 funds.	Watch 4/8/21	Note: Incorporates recommendations from State Auditor Report 2019-046 relative to state oversight of Proposition 56 funding.	Tobacco
SB 492/Hurtado S – Floor Inactive File Amended 4/19/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires CDPH to review pertinent records in tracking maternal morbidity and mortality data and to collect specified information about the pregnant person for each pregnancy-related death.	Watch 3/11/21		Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Services (MCAH)
SB 510/Pan Signed by Governor Chapter 729, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/3/21	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. Specifies provisions are retroactively effective from the beginning of the Governor’s declared state of emergency related to COVID-19 on March 4, 2020.	Watch 3/11/21	Sponsor: CA Medical Association (CMA) Signing message available here.	COVID-19

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SB 519/Wiener A – Appr SUSPENSE FILE Amended 8/16/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Decriminalizes the possession and personal use of certain drugs including psilocybin (acid), MDMA (ecstasy), LSD, and mescaline. 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 possible regulatory systems that California could adopt to promote safe and equitable access to certain substances in permitted legal contexts and recommending options for caregiving and compassionate 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 7/1/21	CA State Sheriffs' Association Opposed	Drug & Alcohol Services
SB 528/Jones A – Hum. Svcs.; Health Amended 5/25/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to create an electronic portal to provide health care providers with access to health information and Judicial Council forms relative to the administration of psychotropic medications associated with a foster care child. Requires foster care public health nurses (FCPHNs) to add and update specified information in the CDSS electronic portal. Requires FCPHNs provide foster care child medical, dental, and mental health records to health care providers no later than five days before the child's appointment with the provider and to the child and/or caregiver within 24 hours of a request. Requires counties to provide training to FCPHNs on the use of the CDSS electronic portal. Requires counties to provide information to foster care children, caregivers, and health care providers on how to contact FCPHNs and how to request foster care children records.	Watch 4/22/21	CWDA: SIA contingent upon implementation workgroup.	Maternal, child, and Adolescent Health Services (MCAH)
SB 547/Glazer A – Higher Edu. Amended 4/13/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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
SB 549/Jones Vetoed by Governor Amended 6/23/21	Requires if social workers are deemed essential workers during a state of emergency to be included in the group of essential workers who are eligible to receive the first distribution of emergency materials, as determined by the state or a local governmental entity. Specifies state or a local governmental entity is not prohibited from including additional classifications of essential workers eligible for emergency materials.	Watch 3/11/21	Veto message available here.	Public Health Emergency Preparedness

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SB 582/Stern S – Floor Inactive File Amended 5/20/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires the State Air Resources Board to ensure a 40 to 80 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Requires Natural Resources Agency Secretary to develop a Climate Restoration Plan relative to greenhouse gas reductions and carbon removal targets. Requires the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to develop criteria to ensure that public expenditures for projects that address climate change resilience protect the most vulnerable communities first, rectify intersectional and systemic inequities, and enhance low-income and vulnerable communities' labor standards.	Watch 3/18/21		Built Environment and Climate Change
SB 644/Leyva A – Rules Amended 4/19/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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
SB 651/Wieckowski S – Health TWO YEAR BILL	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
SB 678/Rubio A – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE TWO YEAR BILL	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

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SB 682/Rubio Vetoed by Governor Amended 8/30/21	Establishes the End Racial Inequities in Children’s Health in California Initiative (EnRICH CA Initiative) and requires the California Health and Human Services (CHHS) Agency, subject to an appropriation by the Legislature, to convene an advisory workgroup to develop and implement a plan to reduce racial disparities in childhood chronic diseases by 50 percent by December 2030. Specifies stakeholders to be involved in the workgroup, including CHEAC and CBHDA, chronic disease experts, children’s advocates, and others. Requires CHHS to develop a plan to reach reduction targets in chronic conditions affecting children, including but not limited to asthma, diabetes, dental caries, depression, and vaping-related diseases.	S-3 3/18/21	Veto message available here .	Health Equity
SB 742/Pan Signed by Governor Chapter 737, Statutes of 2021 Amended 9/3/21	Prohibits a person from knowingly approaching a person at a vaccination site for the purpose of obstructing, injuring, harassing, intimidating, or interfering with that person in connection to any vaccination services. Violations are punishable by fines up to \$1,000, imprisonment in county jail to not exceed six months, or both.	S-3 4/1/21		Communicable Disease Control
SB 744/Glazer A – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE Amended 7/14/21 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires CDPH, upon an appropriation by the Legislature, to create a program to provide for expedited release, during a declared public health emergency, of specified health care data to researchers of specified institutions of higher education. Requires CDPH to create a special Institutional Review Board (IRB) to review researcher requests. Requires MOU between CDPH and researchers to be published on the CDPH website for public access. Requires any electronic tool used by local health officers for reporting communicable disease cases to include the capacity to collect and report data including the type of housing where the patient resides, the number of people in the household where the patient resides, the occupation and workplace of the patient, and a relevant travel history based on the disease course.	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	Same as ACR 46/Kiley	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.