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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 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
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

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AB 257/Holden S – Rules Amended 1/27/22 TWO YEAR BILL	Establishes the Fast-Food Sector Council to set forth sector-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.	OUA 1/25/22	1/28/22: CSAC, HOAC, CAEHA in OUA	Environmental Health
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 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
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

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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 988/Bauer-Kahan S – Gov. Org.; Health Amended 6/22/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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.	Watch/BB 3/11/21	Sponsors: Contra Costa County; Los Angeles County; Kennedy Forum; Miles Hall Foundation; NAMI Contra Costa; Steinberg Institute; Re:Store Justice	Injury Prevention

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AB 998/Lackey S – Appr HELD ON SUSPENSE Amended 3/30/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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.	Watch 3/11/21	Sponsor: AFSCME	Jail & Community Corrections Services
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

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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)
AB 1130/Wood S – Health & Judiciary Amended 2/14/22 TWO YEAR BILL	Establishes the Office of Health Care Affordability within the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI). 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		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
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 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 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		Public Health Workforce
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

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AB 1355/Levine S – Rules TWO YEAR BILL Amended 1/13/22	Requires Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish beginning January 2023 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. Specifies Know-Keene licensed managed care plans shall follow the existing Independent Medical Review System. 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. Requires DHCS to establish an external, independent review process of coverage decisions.	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 1394/Irwin To Senate Amended 1/3/22 TWO YEAR BILL	Requires general acute care hospitals on or before January 2025 to establish and adopt written policies and procedures to screen patients who are 8 years of age and older for risk of suicide and screen those patients pursuant to written policies and procedures.	Watch 4/8/21		Injury Prevention
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 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 1598/Davies A – Public Safety Hearing: 3/8/22	Excludes fentanyl testing equipment from the statutory definition of drug paraphernalia.	S-3 2/25/22		Drug & Alcohol Services

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AB 1618/Aguiar-Curry A – Health	Requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to establish an Office of the Healthy Brain Initiative and tasks the Office with activities and programs related to Alzheimer’s disease. Requires CDPH, upon an appropriation, to establish a program in up to 10 LHJs to develop local initiatives consistent with the Healthy Brain Initiative. Specifies awarded LHJs must include at least two rural and at least one coastal LHJ.	SIA 2/25/22		Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
AB 1627/Ramos A – Health & Public Safety	Requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to provide funding to local behavioral health departments to provide naloxone free of charge to individuals who attend a training program conducted jointly by those departments and the local county sheriff on the administration of naloxone. Requires CDPH to award funding to law enforcement agencies that establish and implement overdose response teams.	Watch/BB 2/25/22		Drug & Alcohol Services
AB 1656/Aguiar-Curry A – Business & Professions	Specifies the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA) does not prohibit a cannabis licensee from manufacturing, distributing, or selling products containing industrial hemp or cannabinoids, extracts, or derivatives from industrial hemp.	Special Interest Bill 2/25/22		Cannabis
AB 1673/Sevarto A – Health and Public Safety	Establishes the California Fentanyl Abuse Task Force to conduct specified activities to increase public awareness of fentanyl and prevent fentanyl misuse. Specifies membership of Task Force, including the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the California Welfare Directors’ Association (CWDA).	Special Interest Bill 2/25/22		Drug & Alcohol Services
AB 1687/Sevarto A – Emergency Management	Specifies the Governor may only suspend a statute, ordinance, regulation, or rule during a state of emergency in connection with the specific conditions of the emergency proclaimed by the Governor.	Watch 2/25/22		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
AB 1690/L. Rivas A – Health <i>Hearing: 3/29/22</i> Amended 3/1/22	Prohibits the sale or distribution of a cigarette using a single-use filter, an attachable single-use plastic device intended as a tobacco filter to facilitate manual manipulation or filtration of a cigar , and a single-use electronic cigarette or single-use integrated cannabis vaporizer device statewide.	Watch/BB 2/25/22	Sponsor: National Stewardship Action Council; Action on Smoking and Health	Tobacco Control
AB 1721/Rodriguez A – Emergency Management	Establishes the Emergency Medical Services Mutual Aid Program to be administered by Cal OES to provide noncompetitive grant funding to local governments, special districts, and tribes for the purpose of acquiring emergency medical services resources, including mobile field hospitals, triage tents, ambulances, and body armor and personal protective equipment for emergency medical services personnel.	Watch w/ Concerns 2/25/22		Public Health Emergency Preparedness

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AB 1737/Holden A – Health & Public Safety	Eliminates the definition of organized camps from statute and replaces it with new definition of a children’s camp. Local health officers continue to have responsibility for the oversight of children’s camps. Requires local agencies to develop a form for camp operators that documents camp information including, but not limited to, number of campers, number of staff, and whether high risk activities are offered such as motorsports, aquatic activities, or zip lines. Requires local agencies to make two inspections annually for each registered children’s camp – one announced and one unannounced. Requires local agencies to conduct complaint investigations and for any deaths occurring at the children’s camp. Requires local agencies to issue corrective actions for any violations and to post those violations on their website. Allows local agencies to charge registration fees to not exceed reasonable costs for both registrations and inspections of children’s camps. Requires local agencies to annually report data such as camp names, number of children, high risk activities, and violations to CDPH. Requires CDPH to develop and maintain a public database containing local children’s camp information. Other provisions.	O-1 2/25/22		Environmental Health
AB 1781/Rubio A – Business & Professions	Requires transporting vehicles used by animal control agencies and shelters to not endanger the health and well-being of an animal due to heat, cold, lack of adequate ventilation, lack of food or water, or other circumstances that could reasonably be expected to cause suffering, disability, or death to the animal.	Watch w/ Concerns 2/25/22		Animal Care & Control
AB 1883/Quirk-Silva A – Local Gov.	Requires local governments to conduct an inventory of accessible, permanent restrooms available to the general population and report the inventory to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) by July 1, 2023. Requires CDPH to develop and maintain a database of restroom inventory searchable by ZIP code by March 1, 2024.	Watch w/ Concerns 2/25/22		Health Equity
AB 1900/Arambula A – Health	Increases the Medi-Cal maintenance per month level to be equal to the income limit for Medi-Cal without a share of cost for individuals who are 65 years of age or older or are disabled. Requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to seek any necessary federal approvals.	S-3 2/25/22	Sponsors: Justice in Aging, Senior & Disability Action, Disability Rights CA, CANHR, Western Center on Law & Poverty, Bet Tzedek	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
AB 1929/Gabriel A – Health	Requires DHCS to establish within the Medi-Cal program a hospital-based or hospital-linked violence intervention program with at least one site in each of the following counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Los Angeles, Monterey, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Francisco, Santa Clara, and Ventura. Specifies services must be offered for a minimum of three months and a maximum of 12 months and consist of care coordination, home and community visitation to provide education, neighborhood mapping of resources, referrals to substance use disorder or behavioral health services, and peer support services. Requires DHCS to approve training and certification programs for violence prevention professionals.	S-3 2/25/22		Injury Prevention

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AB 1930/Arambula A – Health	Extends the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) benefit duration from 60 days to one-year postpartum. Requires the state to collaborate with a broad stakeholder group to determine the specific number of assessments, care plans, and services to be covered under the CPSP extension. Requires CDPH to seek federal approval for CPSP coverage of in-home or community-based visits of nonlicensed perinatal health workers.	S-2 2/25/22		Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Services (MCAH)
AB 1937/Patterson A – Health	Requires the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to establish a health expense account for pregnant Medi-Cal and Medi-Cal Access Program beneficiaries. Specifies beneficiaries are eligible for reimbursement of out-of-pocket pregnancy-related costs not to exceed \$1000 within three months of the last day of pregnancy.	S-3 2/25/22		Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Services (MCAH)
AB 1965/Wicks A – Hum. Svcs.	Establishes the California Antihunger Response and Employment Training (CARET) Program as a state-administered, state-funded nutrition benefit for individuals determined to be ineligible for CalFresh benefits due to the federal able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) time limits.	Watch 2/25/22		Chronic Disease Prevention & Wellness Promotion
AB 1993/Wicks	Requires all employers in California, regardless of size, to affirm all employees have been vaccinated against COVID-19 on 1/1/23. Provides vaccine exemptions for those with medical conditions, disabilities, or for sincerely held religious beliefs (to be defined by CDPH and Cal/OSHA). Penalizes employers for non-compliance (not yet defined) and repeals the vaccine requirements once the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) determines COVID-19 vaccination is no longer necessary to protect human health.	Special Interest Bill 2/25/22		Communicable Disease Control
AB 1995/Arambula A – Health	Eliminates Medi-Cal premiums and subscriber contributions for children, pregnant or postpartum women, and individuals with disabilities.	S-3 2/25/22	Sponsors: Children Now and Western Center on Law & Poverty	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
ACA 11/Kalra	Imposes an annual excise tax on qualified businesses, a payroll tax for employers with 50 or more employees, and a personal income tax for specified high earners for the purpose of funding a comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage and health care cost control system.	Special Interest Bill 1/27/22	See also AB 1400/Kalra for full CalCare proposal.	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
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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Senate Bills				
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 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 – Public Safety Amended 1/18/22 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. Requires participating jurisdictions to choose a single independent entity to conduct a peer-reviewed study of the efficacy of the program and community impacts of the program.	Watch 2/25/21	Sponsors: CA Assn of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, CA Society of Addiction Medicine, Drug Policy Alliance, National Harm Reduction Coalition, Healthright 360, SF AIDS Foundation, and Tarzana Treatment Center	Drug & Alcohol Services
SB 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

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SB 256/Pan A – Health Amended 5/11/21 TWO YEAR BILL	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.	Watch 2/25/21	7/16/21: CalAIM provisions included in AB 133 (Health Omnibus TBL).	CalAIM
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 364/Skinner To Assembly Amended 1/20/22 TWO YEAR BILL	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, contingent upon an appropriation in the Budget Act, 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

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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
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 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 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

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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 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

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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 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
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

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SB 855/Newman S – Health	Requires the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to administer the Childhood Drowning Data Collection Pilot Program to collect detailed data on childhood fatal and nonfatal drownings. Requires CDPH to work with 5-10 county child death review teams or other local agencies to track fatal drownings and collect detailed information. Requires CDPH to report specified information to the Legislature. Requires CDPH to develop a California Water Safety Action Plan for Children and a standardized form for counties to use in reporting drowning statistics.	Watch 2/25/22	Sponsors: American Academy of Pediatrics, California; California State Alliance of YMCAs	Injury Prevention
SB 866/Wiener S – Judiciary	Authorizes a minor 12 years of age or older to consent to a vaccine that is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and meets the recommendations of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) without the consent of a parent or guardian of the minor.	Special Interest Bill 2/3/22		Communicable Disease Control
SB 871/Pan S – Judiciary	Prohibits public and private schools and childcare/daycare centers from unconditionally admitting a pupil unless they have been fully immunized against COVID-19. Removes exception for full immunization against hepatitis B as a condition of admission for public and private schools. Removes personal belief exemption for additional immunizations deemed appropriate by CDPH.	Special Interest Bill 2/3/22		Communicable Disease Control
SB 872/Dodd S – Bus., Prof., & Econ. Devel.	Authorizes a county or a city and county to operate a licensed mobile pharmacy unit to provide prescription medication to individuals without fixed addresses, individuals living in county-owned housing facilities, and those enrolled in Medi-Cal managed care plans operated by the county, a health district, or joint powers authority.	S-2 2/25/22	Sponsors: San Diego and Santa Clara counties	Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
SB 933/Melendez S – Rules	Enacts the Emergency Power Limitation Act and requires an emergency order to be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety purpose and limited in duration, applicability, and scope. Authorizes any person to bring action to invalidate or enjoin enforcement of an emergency order. Prohibits a state agency from issuing an emergency order that infringes on an express constitutional right. Requires an emergency order issued by the Governor that infringes on an express constitutional right to expire within specified time frames. Removes authority for allocations from the Disaster Response-Emergency Operations Account (DREOA) to be extended beyond the initial 120-day period. Requires Director of Finance to notify the Joint Legislative Budget Committee and the chairpersons of the Senate and Assembly Appropriations Committees when a transfer to DREOA occurs.	Watch 2/25/22		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
SB 966/Limon S – Health and Government & Finance	Includes in the definition of a “visit” to an FQHC or RHC a face-to-face encounter between a patient and an associate clinical social worker (ASW) or associate marriage and family therapist (AMFT) when supervised by a licensed behavioral health practitioner.	W/BB 2/25/22	Sponsor: CA Primary Care Association; California Health+ Advocates	Access to Health Services

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SB 967/Hertzberg S – Health and Government & Finance	Requires the Franchise Tax Board to provide a checkbox on individual income tax returns for taxpayers to indicate their interest in no-cost or low-cost health care coverage. Requires Covered California to annually conduct outreach and enrollment efforts to individuals expressing interest.	S-3 2/25/22		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
SB 972/Gonzalez S – Health	Modifies a series of provisions of the California Retail Food Code (CRFC). Expands CRFC definition of “limited food preparation.” Removes gross annual sales limitations on Cottage Food Operations (CFOs). Authorizes CFO sales at a mobile food facility. Removes meal preparation and gross annual sales limitations on Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO). Authorizes MEHKO sales at a mobile food facility. Adds to CRFC “compact mobile food facility” defined as a food facility operating from a pushcart, stand, display, pedal-driven cart, wagon, showcase, rack, or other nonmotorized conveyance. Provides various exemptions relative to food safety principles and sinks. Requires local enforcement agencies to allow storage of compact mobile food facility in the home of the operator if facility is sanitized daily. Provides exemptions relative to sink and restroom access for mobile food facilities. Authorizes local enforcement agencies to preapprove a standard plan for a mass-produced facility intended to serve as a mobile food facility. Replaces local enforcement agency authority to issue infractions and civil penalties with administrative fines. Repeals penalties relative to food handler safety violations and children’s meals default beverage violations.	OUA 2/25/22		Environmental Health
SB 974/Portantino S – Health	Requires health care service plan or health insurance policy to provide coverage without cost sharing for medically necessary diagnostic breast imaging following an abnormal mammography.	S-3 2/25/22		Health Coverage/Health Care Reform
SB 979/Dodd S – Health	Authorizes California Department of Public Health (CDPH) to waive specified licensing requirements and regulations for health facilities during a state of emergency declared by the Governor or a health emergency declared by the State Public Health Officer. Expands health plan and health insurer notification requirements relative to operational impacts to health emergencies declared by the State Public Health Officer. Authorizes the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) to approve out-of-state health care personnel to provide services in California during a state of emergency declared by the Governor or a health emergency declare by the State Public Health Officer.	Watch w/ Concerns 2/25/22		Public Health Emergency Preparedness
SCR 5/Melendez S – Gov’t Org Hearing: 3/15/22	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.