

## Health Care Legislation Affecting Low-Income Consumers as of July 26, 2017

Below is a list of bills that impact access to health care for low-income Californians. The deadline for bills with a fiscal cost to get out of their second house policy committees was July 14 and for bills without a fiscal cost was July 21, which was the start of summer recess. The Legislature will reconvene on August 21, where a flurry of activity is expected to resume.

Medi-Cal					
Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Summary	WCLP Position
<a href="#">AB 74</a>	<a href="#">Chiu</a>	Housing.	Senate Appropriations	This bill would create the Housing for a Healthy California Program to provide rental assistance to Medi-Cal members who are homeless.	Support
<a href="#">AB 180</a>	<a href="#">Wood</a>	Medi-Cal.	Senate Floor	Spot bill for Medi-Cal in case of ACA repeal. Also allows ABX1-1 report to be issued biannually with an extra 60 days to finish the report and pushes out reporting deadline for CCS Whole Child Model program should implementation of the program be delayed.	Support
<a href="#">AB 391</a>	<a href="#">Chiu</a>	Medi-Cal: asthma preventive services.	Senate Appropriations	This bill would authorize DHCS to submit a State Plan Amendment to allow federal reimbursement for asthma education and home environmental asthma trigger assessment services, provided by qualified professionals that may fall outside of the state's clinical licensure system.	Support
<a href="#">AB 839</a>	<a href="#">Garcia, Eduardo</a>	Medi-Cal: targeted case management.	Senate Appropriations	Allows tribal health programs to provide Targeted Case Management services as a local agency, thus drawing down a federal Medicaid match.	Support
<a href="#">SB 152</a>	<a href="#">Hernandez</a>	Medi-Cal.	Assembly Floor - Inactive	Spot bill for Medi-Cal in case of ACA repeal. Also allows ABX1-1 report to be issued biannually with an extra 60 days to finish the report and pushes out reporting deadline for CCS Whole Child Model program should implementation of the program be delayed.	Support
<a href="#">SB 218</a>	<a href="#">Dodd</a>	The Qualified ABLÉ Program: tax-advantaged savings accounts.	Assembly Appropriations	This bill would authorize the transfer of all amounts in the designated beneficiary's ABLÉ account to an ABLÉ account for another individual and prohibit the state from seeking recovery of any amount remaining in the designated beneficiary's ABLÉ account.	Support
<a href="#">SB 220</a>	<a href="#">Pan</a>	Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel.	Assembly Floor	This bill would revise the qualification criteria for the parent members of the Medi-Cal Children's Health Advisory Panel with 3 members who are either Medi-Cal enrollees who have received Medi-Cal benefits or services in relation to a pregnancy, or who are a parent, foster parent, relative caregiver, or legal guardian of a Medi-Cal child.	

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<a href="#">SB 323</a>	<a href="#">Mitchell</a>	Medi-Cal: federally qualified health centers and rural health centers: Drug Medi-Cal and specialty mental health services.	Assembly Appropriations	This bill would authorize FQHCs and RHCs to provide Drug Medi-Cal services and specialty mental health services pursuant to a mutually agreed upon contract. The bill would prohibit the costs associated with providing these services from being included in the FQHC's or RHC's per-visit PPS rate, and would require the costs to be adjusted out of the FQHC's or RHC's clinic base rate as a scope-of-service change.	
<a href="#">SB 456</a>	<a href="#">Pan</a>	Medi-Cal managed care: federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics: services that follow the patient.	Assembly Appropriations	This bill would authorize a FQHC/RHC to enter into an agreement with a public or private entity willing and qualified to provide "services that follow the patient", defined as care management and coordination, health and wellness initiatives, transitional care, and individual and family support centers.	
<a href="#">SB 643</a>	<a href="#">Pan</a>	The Holden-Moscone-Garamendi Genetically Handicapped Persons Program: Duchenne muscular dystrophy.	Assembly Appropriations	This bill would add Duchenne muscular dystrophy to the list of medical conditions eligible for Genetically Handicapped Persons Program.	Support
<a href="#">SB 743</a>	<a href="#">Hernandez</a>	Medi-Cal: family planning providers.	Assembly Appropriations	Codifies into state law the provision of federal law that allows Medi-Cal managed care enrollees to see any provider accepting Medicaid for family planning services.	Support
<b>Benefits</b>					
Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Summary	WCLP Position
<a href="#">AB 447</a>	<a href="#">Gray</a>	Medi-Cal: covered benefits: continuous glucose monitors.	Senate Appropriations	This bill would add continuous glucose monitors to the schedule of Medi-Cal benefits for the treatment of diabetes mellitus type 1 and diabetes mellitus type 2 when medically necessary, subject to utilization controls.	Support
<a href="#">AB 1092</a>	<a href="#">Cooley</a>	Medi-Cal: eyeglasses.	Senate Health	This bill would restore coverage of one pair of eyeglasses provided every 2 years to a Medi-Cal beneficiary who is 21 years of age or older, subject to appropriation by the Legislature.	Support
<b>Consumer Rights</b>					
Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Summary	WCLP Position
<a href="#">AB 1021</a>	<a href="#">Baker</a>	In-home supportive services: application.	Enrolled	This bill would require county human services agencies to accept applications for IHSS benefits by telephone, fax, in person, or, if the county is capable of accepting online applications for benefits, by email or other electronic means.	Support
<a href="#">SB 219</a>	<a href="#">Wiener</a>	Long-term care facilities: rights of residents.	Assembly Appropriations	Prohibits long-term care facilities from discriminating on the basis of a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, or HIV status, by refusing to use a resident's preferred name or pronoun, denying admission to a long-term care facility, transferring or refusing to transfer a resident within a facility or to another facility, or involuntarily discharging a resident from a facility.	Support
<a href="#">SB 223</a>	<a href="#">Atkins</a>	Health care language assistance services.	Assembly Appropriations	Codifies into state law section 1557 provisions of the Affordable Care Act. Adds notice of the availability of interpreter services in 15 languages spoken by limited-English proficient Californians as identified by the Census Bureau to Medi-Cal, health insurance, and health plan enrollees.	Support

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<a href="#">SB 239</a>	<a href="#">Wiener</a>	Infectious and communicable diseases: HIV and AIDS: criminal penalties.	Assembly Appropriations	Repeals several HIV-specific criminal laws to align them with current laws applicable to other serious communicable diseases,	Support
<a href="#">SB 241</a>	<a href="#">Monning</a>	Medical records: access.	Assembly Floor - Inactive	This bill would allow patients to receive medical records electronically, if maintained electronically.	Support
<a href="#">SB 575</a>	<a href="#">Leyva</a>	Patient access to health records.	Assembly Floor	This bill would provide low-income individuals with free access to their medical records when applying for certain public benefit programs.	Sponsor
Health Coverage					
Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Summary	WCLP Position
<a href="#">AB 156</a>	<a href="#">Wood</a>	Individual market: single risk pool: index rate.	Senate Floor	Spot bill should the ACA be repealed. Also AB 157 and AB 417 by same author.	
<a href="#">SB 133</a>	<a href="#">Hernandez</a>	Individual market: single risk pool: index rate.	Assembly Floor	Spot bill should the ACA be repealed. Also SB 134 and SB 288 by same author.	
<a href="#">SB 562</a>	<a href="#">Lara</a>	The Healthy California Act.	2-Year Bill	Creates the Healthy California program to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care coverage for all residents of the state. Speaker held the bill in rules committee. Now a 2-year bill.	
Managed Care					
Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Summary	WCLP Position
<a href="#">AB 205</a>	<a href="#">Wood</a>	Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal managed care plans.	Senate Appropriations	Medicaid managed care rule implementation bill.	Support
<a href="#">SB 171</a>	<a href="#">Hernandez</a>	Medi-Cal: Medi-Cal managed care plans.	Assembly Appropriations	Medicaid managed care rule implementation bill.	Support
Mental Health					
Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Summary	WCLP Position
<a href="#">AB 254</a>	<a href="#">Thurmond</a>	Local Educational Agency Behavioral Health Integration Pilot Program.	Senate Appropriations	This bill would require DHCS to establish the Local Educational Agency Behavioral Health Integration Pilot Program to improve the behavioral health outcomes of students by improving delivery of direct behavioral health services using MHSA funds.	
<a href="#">AB 340</a>	<a href="#">Arambula</a>	Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program: trauma screening.	Senate Appropriations	This bill would require that existing screenings under the EPSDT Program include a trauma screen.	Support
<a href="#">AB 470</a>	<a href="#">Arambula</a>	Medi-Cal: specialty mental health services: performance outcome dashboard.	Senate Appropriations	This bill would require DHCS to develop a performance outcome dashboard for specialty mental health services provided to eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries, convene a stakeholder advisory committee to help create a plan for a performance outcomes dashboard, and require DHCS to post quarterly updates on website beginning January 2019.	Support
<a href="#">AB 501</a>	<a href="#">Ridley-Thomas</a>	Mental health: community care facilities.	Senate Appropriations	This bill would authorize a short-term residential therapeutic program to be operated as a children's crisis residential program, to be regulated by DSS, and would require DHCS to establish interim Medi-Cal rates for children's crisis residential services.	
<a href="#">AB 727</a>	<a href="#">Nazarian</a>	Mental Health Services Act: housing assistance.	Senate Floor	This bill would clarify that counties may spend MHSA moneys on housing assistance for persons with severe mental illnesses.	Support

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<a href="#">AB 850</a>	<a href="#">Chau</a>	Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission.	Senate Floor	This bill would require the Governor to appoint an additional member to the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission who has knowledge and experience in reducing mental health disparities, especially for racial and ethnic communities.	Support
<a href="#">AB 1315</a>	<a href="#">Mullin</a>	Mental health: early psychosis and mood disorder detection and intervention.	Senate Appropriations	This bill would create an early psychosis detection and intervention competitive selection process to expand the provision of early psychosis detection and intervention services through funding to counties that agree to provide matching funds.	Support
Prescription Drugs					
Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Summary	WCLP Position
<a href="#">AB 265</a>	<a href="#">Wood</a>	Prescription drugs: prohibition on price discount.	Senate Floor	Prohibits pharmaceuticals from offering discounts that reduce an individual's out-of-pocket expenses, copayments or deductible, for any prescription drug if a lower cost generic prescription drug is available that is therapeutically equivalent to the prescription drug manufactured by that person.	
<a href="#">SB 17</a>	<a href="#">Hernandez</a>	Health care: prescription drug costs.	Senate Appropriations	Requires drug makers to give notice to specified purchasers before raising prices and requires health plans to report the proportion of the premiums spent on prescription drugs.	Support
Providers					
Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Summary	WCLP Position
<a href="#">AB 148</a>	<a href="#">Mathis</a>	California Physician Corps Program: practice setting.	Senate Appropriations	This bill would require, for the Steve Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program, that the clinic or the physician owned and operated medical practice setting have at least 30% of patients, if the area is rural, or at least 50% of patients, if the area is urban, on Medi-Cal.	
<a href="#">AB 651</a>	<a href="#">Muratsuchi</a>	Nonprofit health facilities: sale of assets: Attorney General approval.	Senate Appropriations	Requires the Attorney General to consider the adverse impact on significant cultural interests in the affected community when a non-profit health facility is being sold and to ensure that notices of public meetings prior to the approval of a sale be in all languages widely spoken in the county.	Support
<a href="#">AB 1534</a>	<a href="#">Nazarian</a>	Health care coverage: HIV specialists.	Senate Appropriations	Permits HIV specialists to be primary care providers and subject to the requirements of primary care providers in Knox Keene if the provider requests to be designated as such. HIV specialists designated as primary care would not be included in determining network adequacy of primary care providers.	

Other					
Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Summary	WCLP Position
<a href="#">SB 4</a>	<a href="#">Mendoza</a>	Medi-Cal: county organized health system: County of Orange.	Assembly Floor	This bill would codify the current CalOptima board membership composition and tenure; the qualifications for individual members; change the procedure for removing a member by requiring a 2/3 vote instead of majority vote; and allow board to increase the number of public members subject to a 2/3 vote. Provisions sunset in 2023.	
<a href="#">SB 54</a>	<a href="#">De León</a>	Law enforcement: sharing data.	Assembly Appropriations	Makes California a sanctuary state for immigrants to the extent allowed by federal law.	Support
<a href="#">SB 244</a>	<a href="#">Lara</a>	Privacy: agencies: personal information.	Assembly Appropriations	Directs that personal information shall only be collected and retained by state agencies and those contracted to administer public services or programs for the purpose of assessing eligibility for and providing those public services and programs for which the application has been submitted. More amendments expected due to very broad reach of the bill's language.	Support
<a href="#">SB 354</a>	<a href="#">Portantino</a>	Special education: individualized education programs: translation services.	2-Year Bill	This bill would require the local educational agency (LEA) to provide parents whose native language is not English with timely access to a translation of their child's individualized education plan (IEP) and other key documents, applying only for the top 8 non-English languages in each school district.	Support
<a href="#">SB 623</a>	<a href="#">Monning</a>	Water quality: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.	Assembly Appropriations	Establishes a Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund focusing on small disadvantaged communities funded largely by fees on agriculture. Requires the State Water Resources Control Board to spend money in the fund for grants, loans, contracts, or services to assist those without access to safe and affordable drinking water. Exempts agriculture from certain enforcement actions.	Support

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