2020 Health Team Bills to Governor

AB 2100 (Wood): Medi-Cal Pharmacy Consumer Protections (co-sponsored with California Pharmacists Association)

This bill would provide important consumer protections for Medi-Cal Rx proposal to transition pharmacy services for Medi-Cal managed care to fee-for-service by requiring an Independent Medical Review process for prescription drug denial appeals; codifying 180-day continuity of care protection; requiring reporting to oversee the fiscal impact and to measure access; and authorize the Department of Health Care Services to provide a disease management payment to a pharmacy for the costs to dispense any specialty drug to ensure beneficiary access.

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AB 2276 (Reyes, C. Garcia, Quirk Salas): Medi-Cal Blood Lead Screening (co-sponsored with Environmental Working Group and California Coalition of Welfare Rights Organizations)

This bill would implement the California Auditor’s recommendations to increase blood lead screenings of Medi-Cal children by requiring Medi-Cal plans to identify children who missed required blood lead screening and remind a provider of existing obligation to test that child and inform parents of lead exposure harm, report the number of Medi-Cal children who have not received blood lead screening, and ensure providers document when a parent/guardian refuses to test their child for lead exposure. In addition, the bill would require the Department of Public Health update the risk factors for evaluating risk of lead poisoning.

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AB 2520 (Chiu): Access to Public Benefits Programs through Medical Records and Forms

This bill would remove barriers to applying for public benefit programs by requiring health providers to complete eligibility forms for public benefits programs so Californians can access the benefits that they are already eligible for; expanding access to free medical records to include immigrants with disabilities, immigrants who are survivors of crime or domestic violence, and government funded housing programs; and clarifying that legal aid advocates can access medical records for clients regarding eligibility for a public benefit program.

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