



Western Center 2022 Health Budget Scorecard June 28, 2022 (to be updated)

The Legislature and Governor announced their budget agreement ([AB 178/SB 178](#)) on June 26. The Legislature is expected to pass this agreement on June 30 and the Governor is expected to quickly sign the bill as the new fiscal year starts on July 1. [AB 184/SB 184](#) and [AB 184/SB 186](#) includes implementation details, referred to as health trailer bill language (TBL). Cleanup trailer bill and budget bill juniors, which amends the Budget Act, may continue to be worked on into the new fiscal year. Below are details of the budget agreement as it impacts low-income Californians.

Medi-Cal Eligibility Proposals	Legislature Budget	Governor Budget	Final Budget
Health4All: Expansion of full-scope Medi-Cal for all income-eligible adults (age 26-49), regardless of immigration status with the Legislature pushing for sooner start date than January 1, 2024.	Jan 2024 'no later' start date	Jan 2024 'no sooner' start date	Jan 2024 'no later' start date
Medi-Cal Share of Cost: Approve \$31 million in 22-23 and \$18.9 million ongoing to update the Medi-Cal Share of Cost so that seniors and people with disabilities can afford to access needed Medi-Cal services.	Approve	Not included	Jan 2025 start date w/ contingencies
Continuous Medi-Cal Coverage Up to Age 5: Approve \$10 million in 2022-23 and \$20 million ongoing to support continuous Medi-Cal coverage for children ages zero to five.	Approve	Not included	Jan 2025 start date w/ contingencies
Medi-Cal premiums and copayments: The Administration proposes zeroing out Medi-Cal premiums and copayments with option to reinstate while the Legislature proposes eliminating completely (through AB 1995 (Arambula)).	Eliminate	Zero out	Zero out premiums
Medi-Cal Navigator: Approve one-time \$30 million General Fund (\$60 million total fund) to continue the Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project through fiscal year 2025-26.	Approve	Approve	Approve
Discontinue Child Health and Disability Program (CHDP): The Administration proposes to discontinue CHDP and expand children's Presumptive Eligibility.	Reject	Approve	Discontinue 7/2024

			w/advocate conditions
Medi-Cal for Incarcerated Adults: Extend the duration of suspension of Medi-Cal benefits for incarcerated adults.	Approve with TBL	Approve with TBL	Approve with TBL
Medi-Cal Benefit Proposals	Legislature Budget	Governor Budget	Final Budget
Dental Lab Processed Crown (AKA Custom Crown) Coverage: \$37 million total funds (\$13 million General Fund) in FY 2022-23 and TBL to update adult coverage requirements to include lab processed crowns for posterior teeth, in place of stainless-steel crowns.	Approve with TBL	Approve with TBL	Approve with TBL
Doula Benefit: Resources to implement SB 65 (2021) which requires DHCS to convene a workgroup to examine the implementation of doula services as a new benefit and increases average Medi-Cal rate paid for doula services from \$450 to \$1,094 per labor.	Approve	Approve	Approve
Community Health Workers (CHW): Funding to recruit, train and certify 25,000 new CHW by 2025, with specialized training to work with varying populations and TBL that defines the role and eligibility requirements of CHW, and requires statewide requirements for CHW training and certification programs to be established.	Approve with TBL	Approve with TBL	Approve with TBL
CalAIM: Additional funding to implement CalAIM, including external evaluations and assessments, implementation of the CalAIM Justice Package, Dual Eligible Special Needs Plan plans and new reporting requirements, and the Serious Mental Illness/Serious Emotional Disturbance waiver	Approve with TBL	Approve with TBL	Approve with TBL
Restore Chiropractic Medi-Cal Benefit: \$1.5 million General Fund in 2022-23, \$1.7 million General Fund ongoing, and TBL to implement and replace a monthly utilization cap with an annual utilization cap.	Approve with TBL	Not included	Not included
Other Medi-Cal Actions	Legislature Budget	Governor Budget	Final Budget
Provider Reimbursements: The Administration proposes to backfill Prop 56 provider payments with General Fund, funding for Physician & Dentist Loan Repayment Program, eliminate certain AB 97 provider rate cuts, and invest \$700M in Equity & Practice Transformation Provider Payments. The Legislature approved Prop 56 backfill, funding for Physician & Dentist Loan Repayment Program, eliminated all AB 97 provider rate cuts, increased rates paid to hearing aid providers for the Hearing Aids Coverage for Children Program and rejected Equity & Practice Transformation Provider Payments proposal.	Reject Equity payment, fund loan repayment, eliminate <u>all</u> AB 97 cuts, & hearing aid rate increase	Approve	\$70M equity payment, fund loan repayment, eliminate <u>some</u> AB 97 cuts

Telehealth: The Administration proposed TBL related to telehealth and network adequacy.	Adopt modified TBL	Approve with TBL	Approve with TBL
Managed Care Plan Monetary Sanction: Use sanctions received against LA Care to award grants to non-profit legal aid programs and organizations that serve Medi-Cal managed care enrollees in Los Angeles County or other impacted counties to improve Medi-Cal access to care.	Approve	Approve	Approve
Extends dental managed care in Sacramento and Los Angeles and require DHCS to procure and execute new contracts to continue the dental managed care delivery system through the end of 2023.	Approve with TBL	Approve with TBL	Approve with TBL
Other Health Care Proposals	Legislature Budget	Governor Budget	Final Budget
Office of Health Care Affordability: Establishes the Office of Health Care Affordability (OHCA) within the Department of Health Care Access and Information (HCAI).	Approve	Approve	Approve
CARE Court: The Administration proposes \$65 million to fund a new court process called CARE Court, which would force unhoused individuals with schizophrenia and other psychotic disorders into a court ordered treatment plan. The Legislature sets aside \$39.5 million in 2022-23 and \$37.7 million ongoing thereafter for future budget appropriation, pending agreement on statutory changes regarding CARE Court.	Defer with funding	Approve	Defer with funding
Covered California: Includes \$304 million restoration of the state premium subsidy program in Covered California and adopts trailer bill language to further improve affordability for lower income enrollees.	Approve	Approve	Approve
Health Equity and Racial Justice Fund: Provides \$75 million annually to support the Health Equity and Racial Justice Fund, which will support community-based organizations to reduce health disparities and address the public health impacts of systemic racism	Approve	Not included	Not included
Department of State Hospital (DSH): Adopt TBL to develop a financial assistance policy.	TBD	Approve TBL	Approve TBL