

2023 Day at the Capitol Priority Bills Overview

PRIORITY BILLS

AB 1549 (W. Carillo) Medi-Cal: FQHCS and RHCs.

Both HCP and CPCA SUPPORT

• **Overview:** This bill seeks to modernize California statute applicable to CHCs payment structure to align with state-led care transformation efforts. The bill would include additional triggering events to WIC 14132.100 to truly capture wage increases stemming from state or local efforts, CHC actual costs of services, and expanded care team members in a CHCs PPS rate (e.g. community health workers).

AB 1612 (Pacheco) Clinics: licensure.

Both HCP and CPCA SUPPORT

• **Overview:** This bill would update the construction and building standards for outpatient clients and would provide that a Primary Care Clinic in good standing would be able to acquire and operate an existing outpatient setting or build a new outpatient clinic without being linked to the heightened building standards of a hospital clinic.

SB 525 (**Durazo**) Minimum wage: health care workers.

Both HCP and CPCA have taken an **OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED** position.

• **Overview:** This bill would require a health care worker minimum wage of \$25 per hour for hours worked in covered health care employment. It would also set a floor for salaried employees to \$104,000 or double the minimum wage.

SB 779 (**Stern**) Primary care clinic data modernization act.

Both HCP and CPCA have taken an **OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED** position.

 Overview: This bill seeks to dramatically expand the amount of data reporting requirements for CHCs and focuses on six main categories: PPS rate, revenue spent on workforce, mergers and acquisitions, detailed labor report, workforce development, and quality/equity.



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SUPPORT BILLS

AB 85 (Weber) Social determinants of health: screening and outreach.
Both HCP and CPCA SUPPORT

• **Overview:** This bill would require health plans and insurers to include coverage for screenings for social determinants of health. The bill would make social determinants of health screenings a covered benefit for Medi-Cal beneficiaries and would require the State Department of Health Care Services to provide reimbursement for those screenings.

AB 392 (Rubio) Multicultural health. Both HCP and CPCA SUPPORT

• **Overview:** This bill would permit an agency to disclose personal information to the California Tribal Epidemiology Center (CTEC) for a specific purpose for Indian Health / Tribal Health centers.

SB 282 (Eggman) Same day access to medical and behavioral health care. Both HCP and CPCA **SUPPORT**

• **Overview:** This bill would allow FQHCs and RHCs to bill Medi-Cal for two visits if patients were provided mental health services on the same day that they have a medical visit.

OPPOSE BILLS

AB 616 (Rodriguez) Medical Group Financial Transparency Act. Both HCP and CPCA have taken an **OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED** position.

• **Overview:** With the move to value-based care likely leading to the creation of more risk-bearing organizations, the bill seeks additional information that is unnecessary and could harm CHC operations including having their financial records open to the public and jeopardizing sensitive information.