

SUPPORT

AB 1460 (Rogers): Prescription drug pricing.

This bill helps community health centers and other safety net providers address health equity and access to care issues in California by protecting their ability to utilize contract pharmacies to dispense 340B medications to their patients in underserved areas.

SB 81 (Arreguin) Health and care facilities: information sharing.

This bill would prohibit health care providers, including health facilities, from granting immigration enforcement access to patients or non-public areas without a valid judicial warrant or court order. The bill would require health care providers to establish or update procedures, as well as inform staff and volunteers on how to respond to immigration enforcement requests. Additionally, it would expand the definition of “medical information” to include immigration status and place of birth and would define “immigration enforcement” to encompass efforts related to both civil and criminal federal immigration laws.

AB 688 (M. González) Telehealth for All Act of 2025.

This bill requires DHCS to utilize Medi-Cal data and other available data sources to produce a publicly available biennial Medi-Cal telehealth utilization report. This report will analyze telehealth access, utilization, quality of care, clinical outcomes, and preventative care. The first report will be published in 2028 and updated every two years thereafter.

SB 339 (Cabaldon) Ensure Access to STI Testing

This bill excludes clinical laboratory tests for sexually transmitted infections (STIs) from DHCS’ triannual review process to establish their reimbursement rates at 100% of Medicare, and will increase transparency in the rate setting process.

SUPPORT IF AMENDED

AB 1041 (Bennett) Health care coverage; physician and provider credentials.

This bill requires DMHC to review credentialing requirements and streamline and reduce redundancy in the provider credentialing process including a standardized form. The bill also changes the period for assessing and verifying provider qualifications to 90 days, instead of 60 and provides conditional approval if not completed in 90 days. Requested amendments include communication back to the provider as soon as approved to expedite the ability for providers to see patients and bill for services rendered.

OPPOSE

AB 1113 (M. Gonzalez): Federally Qualified Health Centers.

This bill requires FQHCs to spend a minimum of 90% of their total revenue from all payor sources on “Mission-Directed expenses.” This is not well-defined and does not include community outreach and education, case management, legal fees, salaries of providers in management, among others. FQHCs participating in a LMCC are exempt.

ADDITIONAL BILL POSITIONS

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- **AB 130** (Ávila Farías): Licensed Dentists from Mexico Pilot Program.
- **AB 1487** (Addis): Public health: the Two Spirit, Transgender, Gender Nonconforming, and Intersex Wellness and Equity Fund.
- **AB 50** (Bonta): Pharmacists: furnishing contraceptives.
- **AB 73** (Jackson): Mental Health: Black Mental Health Navigato Certification
- **AB 350** (Bonta): Health Care Coverage: Floride Treatments
- **SB 608** (Menjivar): Sexual Health
- **AB 54** (Krell) Access to Safe Abortion Care Act
- **AB 260** (Aguiar-Curry) Protect Medication Abortion
- **SB 528** (Weber) Safeguard Against Threats to Medicaid
- **AB 82** (Ward) TGI Health Care Data Privacy
- **SB 497** (Wiener) TGI Health Care Protections

OPPOSE

- **AB 396** (Tangipa): Needle and syringe exchange services.
- **AB 1012** (Essayli): Medi-Cal: immigration status.
- **AB 1066** (Castillo): Immigration services: grants.
- **AB 1077** (Essayli): Voter registration: California New Motor Voter Program.
- **SB 554** (Jones): Law enforcement: immigration enforcement.

OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

- **AB 543** (González): Medi-Cal: Street medicine.
- **AB 277** (Alanis): Behavioral health centers, facilities, and programs: background checks.
- **AB 692** (Kalra): Employment: contracts in restraint of trade.
- **SB 29** (Laird): Civil actions: decedent's cause of action.