

CSCC

Priority Bills List

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ASSEMBLY BILLS

Bill	Summary	Sponsor	Position	Status
AB 1 Laird	Would expand eligibility for the Medi-Cal program and would expand eligibility for the Healthy Families Program by allowing children with family incomes at or below 300% of the federal poverty level to qualify for the program and would delete the specified citizenship and immigration status requirements. Would create a HF buy-in program for children over 300% of poverty.	100% Campaign	Support if amended. Requested amendments.	10/11/07 – Two-year bill
Bill Link: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_1&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen				
AB 8 Nunez	This bill is the Speaker of the Assembly's health reform proposal. It includes the expansion of Healthy Families to 300% of the federal poverty level, create a state level purchasing cooperative or a reformed private insurance market. Working individuals and their dependents in firms of two or more employees would be covered. Would require all publicly funded health care programs to implement quality reporting and pay-for-performance programs..	Speaker of the Assembly	Watch	Vetoed
Bill Link: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_8&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen				
AB 10 De La Torre	This bill would enact the Children's Hospital Bond Act of 2008 which, if adopted by the voters, would authorize, for purposes of financing a specified children's hospital loan program, the issuance, pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds in an unspecified amount.	Children's Hospital Association	Watch	8/28/07 – Two-year bill
Bill Link: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_10&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen				

Bill	Summary	Sponsor	Position	Status
AB 417 Blakeslee	Incorporates San Luis Obispo County into the Santa Barbara Regional Health Authority and renames the authority reflecting this change.	Santa Barbara Health Association and San Luis Obispo County	Took CSCC amendments regarding CCS carve-out. Currently a neutral position.	10/5/07 – Approved and Chaptered
Bill Link: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_417&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen				
AB 881 Mullin	Would update the child passenger seat restraint law to require children under the age of 8 to be secured in a booster seat. Allows exceptions for children over 4 feet and 9 inches tall.	California Coalition for Children’s Safety	Support	Vetoed
Bill Link: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=ab_881&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen				
AB 1312 Emmerson	This bill would require the Director of Health Care Services to increase reimbursement rates for physician services and hospitals under the Medi-Cal program to a level that equals 80% of the Medicare reimbursement rate for those same services and would require the department to make specified determinations prior to a rate adjustment. It would specify that the adjustment does not apply to physician services for which reimbursement already equals or succeeds the 80% rate.	Author Sponsored	Request amendments to ensure appropriate reimbursement level for CCS physician services.	5/31/07 –Two-year bill
Bill Link: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery				
AB 1642 Hancock	Would allow Kaiser hospitals located in a “closed health facility planning area” to treat CCS patients and receive CCS reimbursement as long as the facility the facility location is approved in accordance with the standards of the California Children's Services (CCS) program, the hospital is providing services medically necessary for the treatment of the CCS-eligible condition of a CCS-eligible patient who is a member of the health care service plan for all other health care services not related to that condition, and the services for the treatment of that condition are authorized by the CCS program.	Kaiser	Requested amendments which Kaiser accepted Watch	10/10/07 – Approved and Chaptered.
Bill Link: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery				

SENATE BILLS

Bill	Summary	Sponsor	Position	Status
SB 32 Steinberg	Would expand eligibility for the Medi-Cal program and would expand eligibility for the Healthy Families Program by allowing children with family incomes at or below 300% of the federal poverty level to qualify for the program and would delete the specified citizenship and immigration status requirements. Would create a HF buy-in program for children over 300% of poverty.	100% Campaign	Support if amended. Requested amendments to include the CCS carve-out in the proposed HF- buy-in program.	9/11/07 – Placed on inactive file at request of Assembly Member Bass.
Bill Link: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_32&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen				
SB 137 Torlakson	Would update the financial eligibility requirements for the CCS Program to allow children up to 400% of the federal poverty level to qualify (\$68,680 for a family of 3)	Children’s Specialty Care Coalition	Sponsor	Vetoed
Bill Link: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_137&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen				
SB 743 Kuehl	This bill would make various findings regarding medical errors. The bill would require every licensed general acute care hospital, licensed acute psychiatric hospital, or special hospital, by January 1, 2009, to conduct an assessment of its processes for detecting, reporting, and remediating preventable medical errors, and to prepare plan for reducing the prevalence of those errors. The bill would require the hospital to update the plan not less than once every 2years.	Consumer Attorneys of California	Watch closely for amendments – this bill is a potential vehicle for MICRA changes	6/6/07 – Placed on inactive file at request of Senator Kuehl.
Bill Link: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_743&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen				

Bill	Summary	Sponsor	Position	Status
SB 840 Kuehl	Would establish a California single payer health system in California to be administered by the newly created California Universal Healthcare Agency under the control of a Universal Healthcare Commissioner appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate	Author Sponsored	Watch	7/10/07 – Two-year bill
Bill Link: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_840&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen				
SB 1014 Kuehl	Would require all revenues received by the Franchise Tax Board from those taxes be deposited in the Health Insurance Fund to fund the proposed single payer health system created by SB 840. This bill contains other related provisions	Author Sponsored	Watch	Two-year bill
Bill Link: http://info.sen.ca.gov/cgi-bin/postquery?bill_number=sb_1014&sess=CUR&house=B&site=sen				