

**APG Enacted California Health Laws  
Bills Signed by the Governor in the 2018 Session**

**Behavioral Health**

**[AB 2193](#) ([Maienschein R](#)) **Maternal mental health.****

**Status:** 9/26/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 755, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Would require, by July 1, 2019, a licensed health care practitioner who provides prenatal or postpartum care for a patient to offer to screen or appropriately screen a mother for maternal mental health conditions.

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 1367.625 to, and to add Article 6 (commencing with Section 123640) to Chapter 2 of Part 2 of Division 106 to, the Health and Safety Code, and to add Section 10123.867 to the Insurance Code, relating to health care.

**[SB 192](#) ([Beall D](#)) **Mental Health Services Fund.****

**Status:** 9/10/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 328, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill establishes a Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Reversion Account for the purpose of depositing any MHSA funds allocated to a county that have not been spent for their authorized purpose, as specified. This bill establishes reporting and planning requirements for counties regarding unspent MHSA funds, as specified.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 5892 and 5892.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to mental health.

**[SB 1004](#) ([Wiener D](#)) **Mental Health Services Act: prevention and early intervention.****

**Status:** 9/27/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 843, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission (MHSOAC) to establish priorities for the use of Mental Health Services Act prevention and early intervention (PEI) funds, as specified, and to develop a statewide strategy for monitoring the implementation and effectiveness of PEI programs, as specified.

**Laws:**

An act to add a heading to Chapter 1 (commencing with Section 5840) of, and to add Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 5840.5) to, Part 3.6 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to mental health.

**[SB 1045](#) ([Wiener D](#)) **Conservatorship: serious mental illness and substance use disorders.****

**Status:** 9/27/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 845, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill allows, until January 1, 2024, San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles Counties to place in a conservatorship, as specified, a person who is chronically homeless and incapable of caring for his or her own health and well-being due to serious mental illness and substance use disorder.

**Laws:**

An act to add and repeal Article 7 (commencing with Section 5555) of Chapter 6.2 of, and to add and repeal Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 5450) of, Part 1 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to conservatorship.

**Benefit Mandate**

**[AB 1860](#) (Limón D) Health care coverage: cancer treatment.**

**Status:** 9/17/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 427, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Increases the \$200 copayment and coinsurance limit to \$250 for prescribed, orally administered anticancer medications used to kill or slow the growth of cancerous cells, and deletes the sunset on the law that establishes this limit on the coinsurance and copayment amount for prescribed, orally administered anticancer medications and extends the sunset to January 1, 2024.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 1367.656 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 10123.206 of the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

**[AB 2893](#) (Waldron R) California Health Benefit Review Program: financial impacts.**

**Status:** 9/10/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 326, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requests the California Health Benefit Review Program (CHBRP), within the University of California, when assessing legislation proposing to mandate a benefit or service, to include in the financial impacts, one subsequent state fiscal year, or if applicable, the anticipated costs or savings upon estimated implementation for the subsequent two state fiscal years through a long-range estimate.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 127660 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care coverage.

**[SB 1034](#) (Mitchell D) Health care: mammograms.**

**Status:** 9/10/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 332, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Removes the sunset date for existing law relating to mammograms and breast density notifications.

**Laws:**

An act to amend and repeal Section 123222.3 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health.

## Consumer Protection

**[AB 1526](#) (Kalra D) Debt collection.**

**Status:** 9/5/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 247, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Prohibits a debt collector from sending a written communication to a debtor attempting to collect a time-barred debt without providing specified written notices stating that the debtor may not be sued for the debt, but that the debt, depending on its age, may be reported as unpaid to credit reporting agencies.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 1788.14 of the Civil Code, and to amend Section 337 of the Code of Civil Procedure, relating to debt collection.

## Health Care Coverage

**[AB 2472](#) (Wood D) Health care coverage.**

**Status:** 9/22/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 677, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires the Council on Health Care Delivery Systems (Council) to prepare an analysis and evaluation, known as a feasibility analysis, to determine the feasibility of a public health insurance plan option to increase competition and choice for health care consumers. Specifically, this bill: 1) Requires the Council to prepare an analysis and evaluation, known as a feasibility analysis, to determine the feasibility of a public health insurance plan option to increase competition and choice for health care consumers.

2) Requires the feasibility analysis, at a minimum, to include all of the following: a) An actuarial and economic analysis of a public health insurance plan; b) A plan to expand the participation of public health plans, including county organized health systems (COHS) and local health plans; c) A state developed public health insurance plan; d) A list of necessary federal waivers for a public health insurance plan; e) A discussion of potential funding and state costs for a public health insurance plan; and, f) An analysis of the extent to which a new public health insurance plan option could address the underlying factors that limit health plan choices in some regions. 3) Requires the Council, in developing the feasibility analysis to consult with key stakeholders, including, but not limited to, consumer advocates, health care providers, and health plans, including but not limited to COHS and local health plans. 4) Requires the Council to submit the feasibility analysis to the Legislature and the Governor on or before October 1, 2021. 5) Requires the Council to provide an update detailing its progress in developing the feasibility analysis to the Governor and the health committees of the Senate and Assembly on or before January 1, 2020, and to update those committees every six months. 6) States the intent of the Legislature to look at options to improve competition in areas with limited health plan choices.

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 1002.5 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care coverage.

**AB 2863 (Nazarian D) Health care coverage: prescriptions.**

**Status:** 9/26/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 770, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill requires a pharmacy to inform a customer whether the retail price for a prescription drug is lower than the applicable cost-sharing amount for the prescription drug. The bill prohibits a health plan or health insurer from requiring an enrollee or insured to pay the applicable cost-sharing amount for a prescription medication if the cost-sharing amount is greater than the retail price. The bill also sets the requirements for submitting claims by pharmacies and applying deductibles and out-of-pocket maximums by health plans and insurers.

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 4079 to the Business and Professions Code, to add Section 1367.47 to the Health and Safety Code, and to add Section 10123.65 to the Insurance Code, relating to prescription drugs.

**AB 2941 (Berman D) Health care coverage: state of emergency.**

**Status:** 8/24/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 196, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires a health plan or health insurer to provide an enrollee or insured who has been displaced by the Governor's declared state of emergency, access to medically necessary health care services. This includes the following: Requires, within 48 hours of a declaration of a state of emergency a health plan or health insurer operating in the county or counties included in the declaration to file with the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) or California Department of Insurance (CDI) a notification describing whether the plan has experienced delays or expects to experience any disruption to the operation of the plan or insurer, explaining how the plan or insurer is communicating with potentially impacted enrollees, and summarizing the actions the plan has taken or is in the process of taking to ensure that the health care needs of enrollees or insureds are met. States that the requirement above may require the plan or insurer to take actions: a) Relax time limits for prior authorization, precertification, or referrals; b) Extend filing deadlines for claims; c) Suspend prescription refill limitations and allow an impacted enrollee or insured to refill his or her prescriptions at an out-of-network pharmacy; d) Authorize an enrollee to replace medical equipment or supplies; e) Allow an enrollee to access an appropriate out-of-network provider if an in-network provider is unavailable due to the state of emergency or if the enrollee or insured is out of the area due to displacement; and, f) Have a toll-free telephone number that an affected enrollee or insured may call for answers to questions, including questions about the loss of health insurance identification cards, access to prescription refills, or how to access health care. Prohibits this bill from being construed to limit the Governor's authority under the California Emergency Services Act, or the DMHC or Insurance Commissioner's authority.

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 1368.7 to the Health and Safety Code, and to add Section 10112.95 to the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

**SB 910 (Hernandez D) Short-term limited duration health insurance.**

**Status:** 9/22/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 687, Statutes

of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill prohibits a health insurer from issuing, amending, selling, renewing, or offering a policy of short-term limited duration health insurance in California commencing January 1, 2019.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 1367.29 and 1368.016 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Sections 10113.9, 10123.7, 10123.81, 10123.865, 10123.866, 10123.198, 10123.199, 10123.202, 10273.6, and 12671 of, and to add Section 10123.61 to, the Insurance Code, relating to health insurance.

**SB 1008 (Skinner D) Health insurance: dental services: reporting and disclosures.**

**Status:** 9/29/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 933, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires health plans and health insurance policies that cover dental services to utilize a specified uniform health plan benefits and coverage matrix.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 1363 and 1367.004 of, and to add Section 1363.04 to, the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 10112.26 of, and to add Section 10603.04 to, the Insurance Code, relating to dental services.

**SB 1245 (Leyva D) Covered California.**

**Status:** 9/14/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 417, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Extends the emergency regulatory authority of Covered California until January 1, 2022, with two re-adoptions until January 1, 2027. Requires the board governing the Exchange to discuss the regulations during at least one properly noticed board meeting prior to its adoption by Covered California.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 100504 of the Government Code, relating to health coverage.

**SB 1375 (Hernandez D) Health insurance: small employer groups.**

**Status:** 9/22/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 700, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill prohibits employer group health benefit plans from being issued, marketed, or sold to a sole proprietorship or partnership without employees. This bill requires only individual health benefit plans to be sold to any entity without employees. This bill revises the definition of "eligible employee" for purposes of all small employer health plan contracts and health insurance policies to exclude sole proprietors or their spouses, and partners or their spouses.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 1357, 1357.500, 1357.503, 1357.600, and 1399.802 of, and to add Section 1399.846 to, the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Sections 10700, 10753, 10753.05, and 10755 of, and to add Section 10965.02 to, the Insurance Code, relating to health insurance.

## Health Care Districts

**AB 2019 (Aguilar-Curry D) Health care districts.**

**Status:** 9/5/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 257, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires the board of directors of a Local Health Care District to include specified information, such as the district's policy for providing assistance or grant funding, on the district's Internet Web site. This law will increase transparency of the role and value of each Health Care District.

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 6270.7 to the Government Code, and to amend Section 32139 of, and to add Sections 32132.96 and 32140 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care districts.

**[AB 2428](#) ([Gonzalez Fletcher D](#)) Federally qualified health centers: rural health clinics.**

**Status:** 9/26/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 762, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Exempts a primary care clinic with an additional physical plant added to its primary care clinic license from the requirement to separately enroll the additional physical plant as a separate provider and from the requirement to submit a complete application package, if the primary care clinic has notified the Department of Health Care Services of its additional physical plant.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 14043.15 and 14132.100 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

**[AB 2576](#) ([Aguiar-Curry D](#)) Emergencies: health care.**

**Status:** 9/23/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 716, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Authorizes the Governor, during a state of emergency, to direct all state agencies to utilize, employ, and direct state personnel, equipment, and facilities for the performance of any and all activities that are designed to allow community clinics and health centers to provide and receive reimbursement for services provided during or immediately following the emergency. The bill would authorize any agency directed by the Governor to perform those activities to expend any of the moneys that have been appropriated to it in order to perform those activities, irrespective of the particular purpose for which the moneys were originally appropriated.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 4062, 4064, and 4126.5 of the Business and Professions Code, and to add Section 8628.5 to the Government Code, relating to emergencies.

**[AB 2798](#) ([Maienschein R](#)) Hospitals: licensing.**

**Status:** 9/29/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 922, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Establishes specific timelines for the Department of Public Health (DPH) to approve applications from hospitals seeking to modify, add, or expand a service or program. Requires DPH, if it does not meet those timelines for an expanded service, to deem the application approved and issue a new license that includes the expanded service, which will remain licensed for not more than 18 months. Requires DPH to develop a Centralized Applications Unit (CAU) advice program to assist hospitals in completing application paperwork, and to develop an automated system to process applications.

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 1272 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to health facilities.

**[SB 992](#) ([Hernandez D](#)) Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities.**

**Status:** 9/26/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 784, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill requires programs licensed or certified by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to disclose business relationships, as specified. This bill makes changes to current law for licensed alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities (RTFs) to improve client treatment and provide DHCS more oversight authority over RTFs.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 11834.02, 11834.26, and 11834.36 of, and to add Chapter 7.4 (commencing with Section 11833.05) to Part 2 of Division 10.5 of, the Health and Safety Code, relating to alcohol and drug programs.

**AB 315 (Wood D) Pharmacy benefit management.**

**Status:** 9/29/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 905, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill requires pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) operating in California to register with the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC). It also imposes certain requirements on PBMs, including a duty of good faith and fair dealing in the performance of contractual relationships, disclosure of conflicts of interest to purchasers, and disclosure of drug acquisition, rebates, and rates negotiated with pharmacies upon a purchaser's request. The Governor's Department of Finance issued an Oppose letter on August 21st, which can mean that passage of the bill in its current form may result in a veto.

**Laws:**

An act to add Sections 4079.5 and 4441 to the Business and Professions Code, and to add Article 6.1 (commencing with Section 1385.001) to Chapter 2.2 of Division 2 of, to add and repeal Section 1368.6 of, and to repeal Section 1385.007 of, the Health and Safety Code, relating to pharmacy benefit management.

**AB 595 (Wood D) Health care service plans: mergers and acquisitions.**

**Status:** 9/7/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 292, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires prior approval by the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) Director for a health care service plan (health plan) that intends to merge or consolidate with, or enters into an agreement resulting in its purchase, acquisition or control by, any entity and allows the DMHC director to disapprove a transaction if the transaction would substantially lessen competition.

**Laws:**

An act to add Article 10.2 (commencing with Section 1399.65) to Chapter 2.2 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care service plans.

**AB 1092 (Cooley D) Health care service plans: vision care services: provider claims: fraud.**

**Status:** 9/19/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 525, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Authorizes a specialized health care service plan (health plan) that arranges for the provision of vision care services to use a statistically reliable method to investigate suspected fraud and to recover over payments made as a result of fraud, if specified requirements are met.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 1371 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care service plans.

**AB 2499 (Arambula D) Health care coverage: medical loss ratios.**

**Status:** 9/22/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 678, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill removes the requirements in existing law that health insurance medical loss ratios (MLR) be implemented to the extent required by, in compliance with and not to exceed federal law. Instead, the bill requires MLRs to be consistent with federal law and any rules or regulations issued as in effect on January 1, 2017.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 1367.003 of the Health and Safety Code, and to amend Section 10112.25 of the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

**AB 2674 (Aguilar-Curry D) Health care service plans: disciplinary actions.**

**Status:** 9/7/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 303, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Amends existing law to require, on or before July 1, 2019, and at least annually thereafter, DMHC to review complaints filed when a provider believes a plan is engaging in an unfair payment pattern. Authorizes DMHC, if review of complaint data indicates a possible unfair payment pattern, to conduct an audit or an enforcement action pursuant to existing regulations.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 1371.39 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care service plans.

**[SB 997](#) (Monning D) Health care service plans: physician to enrollee ratios.**

**Status:** 7/20/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 152, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Extends the ability for health plans to have 1,000 enrollees for each full-time equivalent nonphysician medical practitioner supervised by a physician. Additionally, it extends the requirement that health care service plans have one full-time primary care physician for every 2,000 enrollees. Nonphysician medical practitioners are defined as a physician assistant, certified nurse-midwife, or a nurse practitioner.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 1375.9 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to health care service plans.

**[SB 1021](#) (Wiener D) Prescription drugs.**

**Status:** 9/26/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 787, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Prohibits health plan contracts and health insurance policies from having utilization management policies or procedures which rely on a multitablet drug regimen over a single-tablet drug regimen for the prevention of HIV infection and AIDS; extends the January 1, 2020 sunset on law that caps cost sharing for a covered outpatient prescription drug at \$250/\$500 per 30-day supply, as specified, as well as other formulary requirements; and codifies a regulation that prohibits an enrollee or insured from being charged more than the retail price for a prescription drug when the applicable copayment or coinsurance is a higher amount.

**Laws:**

An act to amend and repeal Section 1342.71 of, and to add and repeal Sections 1342.72 and 1342.73 of, the Health and Safety Code, and to amend and repeal Section 10123.193 of, and to add and repeal Sections 10123.1931 and 10123.1932 of, the Insurance Code, relating to health care coverage.

## Licensure

**[AB 93](#) (Medina D) Healing arts: marriage and family therapists: clinical social workers: professional clinical counselors: required experience and supervision.**

**Status:** 9/26/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 743, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Revises and recasts numerous provisions of law regarding applications to the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) for licensure as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), and a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC).

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 728, 2290.5, 4980.01, 4980.03, 4980.35, 4980.397, 4980.399, 4980.40, 4980.42, 4980.43, 4980.44, 4980.50, 4980.78, 4980.79, 4982, 4982.15, 4984.01, 4984.7, 4992.05, 4992.09, 4992.3, 4996.17, 4996.18, 4996.23, 4999.12, 4999.36, 4999.42, 4999.46, 4999.50, 4999.51, 4999.52, 4999.55, 4999.62, 4999.63, and 4999.90 of, to amend and renumber Section 4980.45 of, to add Sections 4980.43.1, 4980.43.2, 4980.43.3, 4980.43.5, 4996.20, 4996.21, 4996.23.1, 4996.23.2, 4996.23.3, 4999.46.1, 4999.46.2, 4999.46.3, 4999.46.4, and 4999.46.5 to, and to repeal Sections 4996.24, 4999.34, 4999.44, 4999.45, 4999.455, and 4999.47 of, the Business and Professions Code, and to amend Section 124260 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to healing arts.

**[AB 456](#) (Thurmond D) Healing arts: associate clinical social workers.**

**Status:** 8/20/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 158, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Authorizes an applicant for registration with the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) as an Associate Clinical Social Worker (ACSW), to acquire supervised experience hours within 90 days of obtaining a qualified degree as long as the BBS receives the application, as specified.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 4996.18 and 4996.23 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

**[AB 505](#) (Caballero D) Medical Board of California: adjudication: expert testimony.**

**Status:** 9/18/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 469, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Authorizes an administrative law judge to extend the time for the exchange of information regarding the use of expert testimony in matters brought by the Medical Board of California, upon a motion based on a showing of good cause, for a period not to exceed 100 calendar days. Alters the administrative review of physicians and surgeons conduct for felony-level actions such as drug or alcohol abuse, and patient sexual exploitation.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 2334 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

**[AB 1791](#) (Waldron R) Physicians and surgeons: continuing education.**

**Status:** 7/18/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 122, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill requires the Medical Board of California (MBC), in determining its continuing education (CE) requirements for licensed physicians and surgeons, to consider including a course in integrating HIV/AIDS pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) medication maintenance and counseling in primary care settings.

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 2191.4 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

**[AB 2204](#) (Gray D) Clinics: licensure and regulation: exemption.**

**Status:** 9/6/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 279, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Changes current law that exempts a clinic that is operated by a primary care community or free clinic and that is operated on separate premises from the licensed clinic and is only open for limited services of no more than 30 hours a week to no more than 40 hours a week.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 1206 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to clinics.

**[AB 2311](#) (Arambula D) Medicine: trainees: international medical graduates.**

**Status:** 7/20/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 144, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill removes the sunset date on the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)'s International Medical Graduate (IMG) pilot program which allows trainees to provide patient care under physician supervision as part of a clinical clerkship/rotation at UCLA health care facilities or other approved UCLA affiliates.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 2066.5 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

**[AB 2423](#) (Holden D) Physical therapists: direct access to services: plan of care approval.**

**Status:** 9/26/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 761, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Exempts physical therapy services as part of an individualized education program (IEP) or individualized family service plan (IFSP) pursuant to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) from the direct access limitation that prohibits physical therapists from continuing treatment beyond 45 calendar days or 12 visits, whichever occurs first, without first receiving a physician's signed approval of the physical therapist's plan of care.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 2620.1 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

**[AB 2487](#) (McCarty D) Physicians and surgeons: continuing education: opiate-dependent patient treatment and management.**

**Status:** 9/7/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 301, Statutes of 2018.



**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Authorizes a physician and surgeon to complete a one-time continuing education course on opiate-dependent patient treatment and management as an alternative to the mandatory continuing education course on pain management and the treatment of terminally ill and dying patients.

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 2190.6 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

**[SB 762](#) ([Hernandez D](#)) Optometry: administration of immunizations.**

**Status:** 9/10/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 330, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** Y

**Summary:**

Removes the sunset date on the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)'s International Medical Graduate (IMG) pilot program which allows trainees to provide patient care under physician supervision as part of a clinical clerkship/rotation at UCLA health care facilities or other approved UCLA affiliates.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 3041 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

## MediCal

**[AB 2861](#) ([Salas D](#)) Medi-Cal: telehealth: alcohol and drug use treatment.**

**Status:** 9/18/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 500, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Authorizes, to the extent federal financial participation is available and any necessary federal approvals have been obtained, to require that a Drug Medi-Cal certified provider receive reimbursement for individual counseling services provided through telehealth by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts or a registered or certified alcohol or other drug counselor, when medically necessary and in accordance with the Medicaid state plan.

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 14132.731 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

**[SB 1108](#) ([Hernandez D](#)) Medi-Cal: conditions of eligibility or coverage.**

**Status:** 9/22/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 692, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill makes a legislative finding and declaration that the goal of the Medi-Cal program is to provide comprehensive health care to low-income Californians who cannot afford the cost of health care, and permits the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) to seek waivers of federal Medicaid requirements in furtherance of this goal, including, but not limited to, demonstration projects that aim to either increase the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries or enhance the medical assistance provided to beneficiaries.

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 14012 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

**[SB 1287](#) ([Hernandez D](#)) Medi-Cal: medically necessary services.**

**Status:** 9/27/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 855, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill defines in state law, for individuals under age 21 years of age enrolled in Medi-Cal, a service as medically necessary or a medical necessity by reference to the federal Medicaid standard, which requires coverage when the service would correct or ameliorate defects and physical and mental illnesses.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 14059.5 and 14133.3 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

**[SB 1423](#) ([Hernandez D](#)) Medi-Cal: oral interpretation services.**

**Status:** 9/19/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 568, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Revises existing law relating to Medi-Cal managed care (MCMC) and mental health plan oral interpretation services for an individual who is limited-English-proficient (LEP) to require that an interpreter must have the ability to provide effective, accurate, and impartial, interpreter services to and from the language spoken by the LEP beneficiary and in English, using any necessary specialized vocabulary, terminology, and phraseology.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 14029.91 and 14727 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

## Pharmacy

**[AB 1751](#) (Low D) Controlled substances: CURES database.**

**Status:** 9/18/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 478, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Authorizes the California Department of Justice (DOJ) to share prescription records between the state's prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP), Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES), and other databases across state lines, with a requirement that other states meet California's patient privacy and data security standards.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 1798.24 of the Civil Code, and to amend Section 11165 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to controlled substances.

**[AB 1753](#) (Low D) Controlled substances: CURES database.**

**Status:** 9/18/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 479, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Authorizes the Department of Justice (COJ) to cap the number of security printers approved to manufacture regulated prescription pads to three and allows DOJ to reduce or limit the number of printers to no fewer than three through regulation; requires that all prescription forms be uniquely serialized; and requires that the DOJ link prescription pad serial numbers to corresponding records in the state's prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP), Controlled substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES).

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 11161.5, 11162.1, and 11165 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to controlled substances.

**[AB 2086](#) (Gallagher R) Controlled substances: CURES database.**

**Status:** 9/6/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 274, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Allows prescribers of controlled substances to review a list of patients for whom they are listed as being the prescriber in the California Department of Justice (DOJ)'s prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP).

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 11165.6 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to controlled substances.

**[AB 2760](#) (Wood D) Prescription drugs: prescribers: naloxone hydrochloride and other FDA-approved drugs.**

**Status:** 9/10/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 324, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires a prescriber to offer a prescription for naloxone hydrochloride or another drug federally approved for the complete or partial reversal of opioid depression for patients when certain conditions are present and to provide specified education to those patients and provide education about how these drugs may be used to prevent an overdose.

**Laws:**

An act to add Article 10.7 (commencing with Section 740) to Chapter 1 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

**[AB 2783](#) (O'Donnell D) Controlled substances: hydrocodone combination products: schedules.**

**Status:** 9/20/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 589, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Reschedules hydrocodone combination products (HCP) from a Schedule III drug to a Schedule II drug.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 11055 and 11056 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to controlled substances.

**[AB 2789](#) (Wood D) Health care practitioners: prescriptions: electronic data transmission.**

**Status:** 9/17/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 438, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires that all health care practitioners authorized to issue prescriptions to be capable of electronically prescribing and requires that all prescriptions for controlled substances be transmitted electronically, with exceptions, by January 1, 2022.

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 688 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

**[AB 2859](#) (Caballero D) Pharmacy: safe storage products.**

**Status:** 8/28/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 240, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires certain pharmacies that dispense Schedule II, III, or IV controlled substances to display safe storage products, as defined, for sale in a place on the building premises that is located close to the pharmacy.

**Laws:**

An act to add and repeal Section 4106.5 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to pharmacy.

**[SB 1254](#) (Stone R) Hospital pharmacies: medication profiles or lists for high-risk patients.**

**Status:** 9/22/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 697, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires a pharmacist at a hospital pharmacy to obtain an accurate medication profile or list for each high-risk patient.

**Laws:**

An act to add Section 4118.5 to the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

**Public Health**

**[AB 1790](#) (Salas D) Valley Fever Education, Early Diagnosis, and Treatment Act.**

**Status:** 9/11/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 338, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to conduct a Valley Fever awareness campaign to communicate with local health jurisdictions, providers, and the public about Valley Fever, as specified.

**Laws:**

An act to add Part 7.7 (commencing with Section 122475) to Division 105 of, and to repeal Section 122477 of, the Health and Safety Code, relating to valley fever.

**[AB 1893](#) (Maienschein R) Maternal mental health: federal funding.**

**Status:** 7/20/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 140, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

This bill requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) to investigate and apply for federal funding opportunities to support maternal mental health (MMH), as specified. This bill requires DPH to notify the Legislature of its efforts to secure and utilize federal funds it receives. This bill sunsets on January 1, 2023.

**Laws:**

An act to add and repeal Section 123611 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

**AB 2898 (Gloria D) Emergency services: local emergencies.**

**Status:** 9/14/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 395, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires a governing body of a local agency to review the need for continuing a local emergency pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act every 60 days, instead of every 30 days.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 8630 of the Government Code, relating to emergency services.

**SB 1041 (Leyva D) Childhood lead poisoning prevention.**

**Status:** 9/22/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 690, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Requires DPH to annually notify health care providers who perform periodic health assessments for children about the risks and effects of childhood lead exposure and the requirements that children enrolled in Medi-Cal receive blood screening tests. Requires those health care providers to also inform the parents and guardians of those children about those risks. Requires DPH to include additional publicly releasable information about the number of children enrolled in Medi-Cal who have and have not received blood lead screening tests.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Sections 105285, 105295, 105300, and 124125 of, and to add Section 105286 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

**SB 1097 (Hueso D) Lead poisoning.**

**Status:** 9/22/2018-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 691, Statutes of 2018.

**Is Urgency:** N

**Summary:**

Revises the requirements of the biennial report required to be published by DPH regarding the effectiveness of appropriate case management efforts for lead poisoning management.

**Laws:**

An act to amend Section 105295 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to lead poisoning.

Total Measures: 53

Total Tracking Forms: 53