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Welcome to America's Physician Groups' *California Update*. Each week APG reports the latest on health care happenings in the Golden State.

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Waiting On Governor Newsom To Sign/Veto Health Care Bills

There was not much activity this week on the signatures and vetoes of health care related legislation by Governor Newsom. The Governor has until October 13 to complete his review of 2025 enrolled legislation. We have pared down the tracking list of enrolled bills to just 65 measures. Our enrolled high priority bills, concerning prior authorization, provider credentialing, corporate practice of medicine and MSO reporting are still pending as of 2:00 pm today. We will keep you informed of developments over the next week.

Join us at the upcoming October 7 [Northern California](#) and October 9 [Southern California](#) Regional meetings for additional updates on legislation.



California Department Of Public Health (CDPH) Issues Vaccine Administration And Coverage Guidance Under California's Updated State Law AB144

- AB144 on Sep 17, 2025, establishes CDPH as the source for immunizations and preventive services guidelines based on

evidence-based recommendations from national medical organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Academy of Family Physicians, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

- CDPH continues to reference as baseline recommendations those in effect on 1/1/2025 from ACIP and USPSTF and will issue updates as needed.
- California DMHC-regulated health plans are required to cover CDPH-recommended immunizations and services.
- AB144 further establishes requirements on [Medi-Cal coverage of vaccines, including guidance for VFC programs](#).
- Liability coverage: Prescribing, dispensing, ordering, furnishing, or administering vaccines recommended by CDPH is protected from liability (sunsets 1/1/2030 unless renewed).
- Pharmacists may administer immunizations recommended by CDPH to patients 3+ yo without a prescription from a physician.
- Specific recommendations on 2025-2026 winter respiratory virus immunizations are available.

Please bookmark the [CDPH Public Health for All Californians Today \(CA PHACT\) webpage](#) for the latest updates.

CA PHACT slides summarizing the above are available [here](#).



2025 APG California Policy & Advocacy Meeting Dates

Members, please mark your calendars for APG's California Policy Forum and California Medi-Cal Forum meetings. You can download APG's 2025 events calendar [here](#).

California Policy Forum

- **November 12 - Rescheduled to December 5 at 12 - 1pm**

California Medi-Cal Forum

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

- October - TBD



APG California Advocacy Member Resources

- **SB 306 - Prior Authorization Reform [Summary](#)**
- **Tracked Health Care Bills [2025-26](#):** bills we're following in the California State Legislature
- **Office of Health Care Affordability [regulations](#) and [explanatory slide deck](#)**
- **DMHC Quality and Equity Reporting program [All Plan Letter](#)**

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