



Priority Legislation-2009/10 Session

Access to Healthcare

Bill Number & Author	Description	LCHC Position	Status
AB 2 (De La Torre)	Would require the director and the commissioner to jointly, by regulation, establish standard information and health history questions to be used by health care service plans and health insurers for their individual health care coverage application forms, as specified, and, on and after January 1, 2011, would require all individual health care service plan and health insurance applications to be reviewed and approved by the director or the commissioner, respectively, before use by a health care service plan or health insurer.	SUPPORT	-Amended S-Floor on 7/23 -Passed S-APPR on 8/27 - S-Third Read File on 9/8
AB 98 (De La Torre)	Would require specified health insurance policies to provide coverage for maternity services.	SUPPORT	- Passed in S-APPR on 8/27 - S-Second Read File on 9/8
AB 611 (Fong)	Would require the Secretary of California Emergency Management to consider the multiple languages and needs of populations who have limited proficiency in the English language during emergency preparedness planning, response, and recovery.	SUPPORT	- Passed in S- APPR on 7/13 - Enrolled in Assembly on 9/3
AB 657 (Hernandez)	Would require the office, in collaboration with the California Workforce Investment Board, to establish the Health Professions Workforce Task Force composed of specified members, to assist in the development of a health professions workforce master plan for the state, and would prescribe the functions and duties of the task force in that regard. The bill would require the task force to submit a complete statewide health professions workforce master plan to the office and the Legislature.	SPONSOR	- Passed in S-APPR on 8/27 - S-Third Read on 9/2 - A-Concurrence on 9/8
AB 730 (De La Torre)	Would provide that a health insurer that unlawfully engages in the postclaims underwriting of a health insurance policy shall be liable to the state for a civil penalty to be fixed by the commissioner in an amount not to exceed \$5,000, except that if the insurer knew, or had reason to know, that the act of postclaims underwriting was unlawful, the civil penalty shall be fixed by the commissioner in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for each act or violation.	SUPPORT	- Passed in S-APPR on 8/24 - S-Third Read File on 9/2 - A-Concurrence on 9/3
AB 1310 (Hernandez)	Would require specified healing arts boards to add and label as "mandatory" specified fields on an application for initial licensure or a renewal form for applicants applying to those boards.	SUPPORT	- Passed in S-BP & ED On 7/6 - S-APPR Suspense File
AB 1445 (Chesbro)	This bill would provide that a maximum of 2 visits, as defined, taking place on the same day at a single location shall be reimbursed when either after the first visit the patient suffers illness or injury requiring additional diagnosis or treatment or the patient has a medical visit, as defined, and another health visit, as defined, or both. The bill would require an FQHC or RHC that currently includes the cost of encounters with more than one health professional that take place on the same day at a single location as constituting a single visit for purposes of establishing its FQHC or RHC rate to, by January 1, 2011, apply for an adjustment to its per-visit rate, and, after the rate adjustment has been approved by the department, require the FQHC or RHC to bill a medical visit and another health visit that take place on the same day at a single location as separate visits.	SUPPORT	- Passed in S-HEALTH on 7/9 - S-APPR

Reducing Health Disparities

Bill Number & Author	Description	LCHC Position	Status
ACR 29 (Jones)	This measure would request that the California Health and Human Services Agency provide leadership to ensure that, within existing resources and programs, departments within the agency implement programs, activities, and strategies that place a priority focus on preventing, reducing, and eliminating health disparities among racial and ethnic population subgroups.	SUPPORT	- Senate Amendments concurred on 8/28 - Enrolled on 9/2
AJR 17 (Swanson)	This measure would urge the President of the United States, the United States Congress, and the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services to take specified actions in regards to health disparities, particularly as they relate to HIV/AIDS funding.	SUPPORT	- S-Third Read on 9/2 - A-Concurrence on 9/3
AB 627 (Brownley)	This bill would require that a licensed child day care facility meet specified health and nutrition-related requirements.	SUPPORT	- S-Third Read on 9/2 - A-Concurrence on 9/8



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Community Health

Bill Number & Author	Description	LCHC Position	Status
AB 1079 (V.M. Pérez)	Would require the California Environmental Protection Agency, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board to take all necessary action to provide support to the City of Calexico and County of Imperial to implement the New River Public Health Improvement Project.	SUPPORT	- S-Third Read on 9/2 - On to A-Concurrence
AB 1404 (De León, V.M. Pérez)	The bill would require the state board to impose an offset verification fee on entities buying and selling compliance offsets, for deposit into the fund. Under the bill, fee revenues would be available, upon appropriation, to pay for expenses related to state board administration of the compliance offset program.	SUPPORT	- Passed in S-APPR on 8/27 - S-Second Read File on 9/8
AB 1405 (De León, V.M. Pérez)	Would establish the Community Benefits Fund, and would require an unspecified percentage of revenues generated pursuant to the act, including the fee discussed above, to be deposited into that fund. The moneys in the fund would be used in the most impacted and disadvantaged communities in California to accelerate greenhouse gas emission reductions and mitigate direct health impacts of climate change in those communities.	SUPPORT	- Passed in S-APPR on 8/27 - S-Third Read File on 9/8
ACR 75 (V.M. Pérez)	This measure would recognize the pioneering work of promotores and community health workers in delivering vital and cost-effective health care services in communities throughout California and declare October 2009 as California Promotores Month.	SUPPORT	- A-Third Read on 8/24 - S-RULES

Opposed Bills

Bill Number & Author	Description	LCHC Position	Status
AB 351 (Salas)	Would authorize the governing board of a school district to exempt any high school pupil from courses in physical education if the pupil participates in California Cadet Corps, cheer team or dance team, color guard or drill team, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, or marching band as part of the regular school-sponsored extracurricular activities.	OPPOSE	- Assembly-2 year
AB 781 (Jeffries)	This bill would prohibit a city, county, or state governmental entity from discriminating against an employee or an applicant for employment on the basis of the ability of the employee or applicant to speak a language other than English, unless an ability to speak a language other than English constitutes a bona fide occupational qualification.	OPPOSE	- Assembly-2 year