



2011 Legislative Priorities

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Access to Healthcare

<i>Bill Number & Author</i>	<i>Summary</i>	<i>Sponsor</i>	<i>Position</i>
AB 1296 (Bonilla)	Eligibility and Enrollment in Medi-Cal: Would require the California HHS Agency to establish a standardized single application form and related renewal procedures for Medi-Cal, the Healthy Families program, the Exchange, and county programs.	WCLP	Support
AB 714 (Atkins)	Pre-enrollment in Medi-Cal: Requires DHCS, MRMIB, Family PACT and other programs as well as some hospitals to provide information about the California Health Benefits Exchange for the purpose of enrolling them to be ready to obtain standardized coverage in 2014.	Health Access	Support
SB 677 (Hernandez)	Medi-Cal: Eligibility: This bill would provide, to the extent required by federal law, that the department shall not apply an assets or resources test for purposes of determining eligibility for Medi-Cal or under a Medi-Cal waiver, except as specified. This bill would also require, to the extent required by federal law, the department to use the modified adjusted gross income of an individual, or the household income of a family, if applicable, for the purposes of determining income eligibility for Medi-Cal or under a Medi-Cal waiver, except as specified. The bill would provide that these provisions shall become operative on January 1, 2014.		Support
AB 415 (Logue)	Healing Arts: Telemedicine This bill would prohibit a requirement of in-person contact between a health care provider and patient under the Medi-Cal program for any service otherwise covered by the Medi-Cal program when the service is provided by telehealth, as defined. The bill would prescribe the rate of reimbursement for covered services provided by telehealth and would provide that reimbursement for telehealth interactions would include reasonable compensation to the health care provider at the originating site for the transmission cost incurred during the delivery of health care services.		Support
SB 810 (Leno)	Single Payer: Would provide health care coverage to all California residents.	Health Care for All, School Nurses Association	Support

AB 969 (Atkins)	Medi-Cal: Clinical Laboratory and Laboratory Services: Prohibits discounts or donations of laboratory services provided to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) by commercial clinical laboratories from being included in the calculation of the usual and customary charges for purposes of determining the Medi-Cal reimbursement rate.		Support
AJR 10 (Brownley)	School-Based Health Centers: Supports the school-based health center program authorized by the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; supports an appropriation by the United States Congress to fund the school-based health center program; and, supports the inclusion of school-based health centers in the reauthorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act as an important strategy for ensuring that pupils are physically and mentally healthy and therefore ready to learn.	California School Health Center Association	Support
AB 922 (Monning)	Office of Consumer Assistance: Establishes the Office of Consumer Assistance to provide outreach and education about health care coverage to California consumers, contract with community organizations to provide consumer assistance services, and require agencies to report to the office regarding consumer complaints.	WCLP, Health Access	Oppose Unless Amended
SB 615 (Calderon)	Insurance Brokers: Requires any person who solicits, negotiates or sells health coverage to be a licensed broker.	Brokers	Oppose

Reducing Health Disparities

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AB 669 (Monning)	Soda Tax: Would place a 1-cent tax on sweetened beverages per fluid ounce as well as on distributors. Money raised would go towards childhood obesity prevention.	Center for Public Health Advocacy	Support
AB 581 (Perez)	Healthy Food Financing Initiative: Establishes the Healthy Food Financing Initiative Fund for the purpose of expanding access to healthy foods in underserved communities.	PolicyLink	Support
SB 616 (DeSaulnier)	Wellness Program Demonstration Project: Enacts legislation to create a wellness program to prevent disease and promote health that meets all necessary federal qualifications for California to be a participating pilot state under the ACA.		Support
AB 6 (Fuentes)	CalWORKs and CalFresh Program: Simplifies reporting rules used in 49 other states and would end California's costly fingerprint imaging system for CalFresh (SNAP). Moves to less frequent semi-annual reporting and removes other barriers to enrollment.	California Food Policy Advocates	Support
AB 727 (Mitchell)	Healthy Food Procurement: Requires that food purchased for consumption or sale on state property (e.g. vending machines, institutions, cafeterias, and concessioner contracts) meet minimum nutritional standards.	CPEHN	Support
SB 39 (Padilla)	Alcoholic Beverages: Caffeinated Beer Beverages: This bill would prohibit the import, production, manufacture, distribution, or sale of "caffeinated beer beverages" at retail locations within California.		Support

Community Health

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AB 70 (Monning)	Community Transformation Grants: Requires California's HHS Agency to direct departments to apply for federal community transformation grants and to make information available to local government agencies, public health departments, school districts, state and local nonprofit organizations and Indian tribes.		Support
AB 916 (V.M.Perez)	Promotores: Medically Underserved Communities: Would require DPH to highlight funding opportunities related to the use of Promotores in Medically Underserved Communities and report and make recommendations on attaining and maximizing federal funding. Includes an assessment of Promotores issues.		Support
AB 441 (Monning)	Building Healthy Communities: Includes health and equity criteria in the guidelines the state uses when advising local governments on land use and transportation planning and development.	CPEHN	Support
SB 244 (Wolk)	Colonias Planning: Requires cities or counties when reviewing and updating their general plans to address the presence of unincorporated communities and to update the program of action relating to these communities.	California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation Policy Link	Support
AB 516 (V.M. Perez)	Safe Routes to Schools: Requires the state to consider as part of its criteria for awarding local grants to construction of bicycle and pedestrian safety and traffic calming projects as part of its "Safe Routes to Schools" initiative, the degree to of specific public participation and the benefit to disadvantaged communities.		Support
SB 535 (De Leon)	Climate change and equity: Creates a Community Benefits Fund to direct a portion of the revenues generated through the implementation of AB 32 to help Californians who are least able to confront the expected impacts of the climate crisis at a local level	NRDC, Coalition for Clean Air, Ella Baker Center	Support
AB 331 (Padilla)	Retail Tobacco Licenses: This bill would include the location of a retailer within 600 feet of a public or private elementary school among the instances when the board is not required to issue a license to engage in the sale of cigarette and tobacco products. It would also revise the schedule of actions against a retailer of a licensed location located within 600 feet of a public or private elementary or secondary school and who is convicted of an above-described violation, as specified.		Support

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