

A Few Good Bills

Vetoed:

AB 1955 –Eliminate monthly Medi-Cal premiums and copayments, now in place due to budget action.

AB 2402 – to extend continuous Medi-Cal birth to five, without annual renewals.

SB 944 (Pan) and AB 1878 (Wood), which would have reduced the cost of health coverage by eliminating deductibles and reducing copays for hundreds of thousands of Covered California enrollees with silver plans.

AB 1900 - This bill would have updated the maintenance need levels to 138% of the FPL, eliminating the share of cost cliff so that older adults and people with disabilities are no longer forced to pay over half of their monthly income on health care if they are just \$1 over the program's limit.

AB 2680- Community Health Navigator program – to improve and codify what was done in budget this year.

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AB 1930 - Extends the Comprehensive Perinatal Services Program (CPSP) to cover the full year duration of postpartum eligibility from 60-day and allow the program work to be done in the community.

AB 644 - Requires EDD to share information with Covered California for outreach to persons applying for or losing unemployment benefits to enroll them in Covered CA or Medi-Cal – was one of advocates' initial requests during pandemic and feared drop offs from coverage!

AB 2199 - Establishes the Birthing Justice for California Families Pilot Project to fund doula care to members of communities with adverse birth outcomes who are not eligible for Medi-Cal and individuals who are incarcerated.

SB 838 - Further efforts of the California Health and Human Services Agency towards creating a California branded label for generic drugs, and in particular insulin, to increase patient access to affordable drugs and lower health costs.

SB 951 would increase wage replacement rates for Paid Family Leave and State Disability Insurance to 90% for lower income workers.

SB 923 - Improves access to gender affirming care for transgender, gender diverse, and intersex (TGI) people by requiring health plans to make available and update a list of providers who provide gender affirming services and require the Health and Human Services Agency to convene a workgroup to develop quality standards for patient experience to measure cultural competency.

SB 987 – Portantino - Requires Medi-Cal plans to make good-faith effort to contract with at least one NCI-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center.

SB 1019 - Requires Medi-Cal plans to conduct annual outreach and education to members and primary care physicians regarding the mental health benefits covered by the plan.

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Signed

SB 967 - Adds a checkmark on state tax forms for people to indicate if they are interested in receiving information about low-cost health care coverage options.