

DAY AT THE CAPITOL April 26, 2023
Sacramento, CA

AB 1549 (Carrillo) – Prospective Payment System (PPS) Reform *

Ask: Support

This proposal will modernize FQHC reimbursement rules to include additional triggering events to capture wage increases stemming from state or local efforts, Community Health Centers (CHC’s) actual costs of services, and align with state-led care transformation initiatives. Modernizing the PPS rate will help CHC’s provide better care for its patients by capturing expanded team members, highlighting the value of care coordination and other efforts to improve patient care.

SB 525 (Durazo) – \$25 Minimum Wage for Health Care Workers

Ask: Oppose unless amended

This bill establishes a \$25 per hour minimum wage for all healthcare workers. Additionally, this bill would require exempt employees to earn double the minimum wage and requires an annual increase to the minimum wage of 3.5%. As written, these provisions apply to “all paid work performed on the premises” making the provisions applicable to independent contractors.

Suggested amendments include: delaying implementation until funding is appropriated by the legislature or another funding mechanism; include language permitting CHC’s to make a change in scope of service request to increase its PPS rate to meet the requirements of this legislation.

AB 1612 (Pacheco) – Eliminating Barriers to Health Access*

Ask: Support

Bill seeks to increase health access by streamlining licensing and building standard requirements (known as OSHPD 3) for outpatient clinics and would provide that a Primary Care Clinic in good standing would be able to acquire and operate an existing outpatient setting or building a new outpatient clinic without being linked to the heightened building standards of a hospital clinic.

Budget Increase Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project

Ask: Sign on to budget letter to support this request

Increase Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project with \$60M one-time funding request (\$30M state & \$30M federal match) to enhance the Medi-Cal Health Enrollment Navigators Project.

*Currently without opposition

SB 779 (Stern) – Clinic Data Expansion

Ask: Oppose unless amended

This proposal seeks to dramatically expand the amount of data reporting requirements on CHCs focusing on 6 major categories: PPS rate, revenue spent on workforce, mergers and acquisitions, detailed labor report, workforce development and quality/equity.

Suggested amendments include: removing all duplicative reporting requirements and lessen administrative burdens.

SB 282 (Eggman) – Same Day Access

Ask: Support

This bill would allow FQHC's to bill Medi-Cal for two visits if patients were provided mental health services on the same day they have a medical visit. California is one of the 15 states that does not allow CHC's to receive reimbursement for providing medical and behavioral health care on the same day.

AB 85 (Weber)* – Social Determinants of Health

Ask: Support

The bill would require health plans and insurers to include coverage for SDOH screenings, referrals, and community navigation services. Overall, the bill seeks to identify social determinants of health (SDOH) earlier in patients and intervene, by requiring health plans and insurers to pay for SDOH screenings and referrals to community health workers, social workers and other care members.

340B

Ask: Protect the \$105M pool of funding secured to help 340B non-hospital clinics with financial challenges caused by the Medi-Cal Rx implementation.

We would also support state legislation to prohibit pharmacy benefit managers from imposing any undue and burdensome requirement on 340B providers, like CHC's.