

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Week of January 30, 2023

State Issues

<p>State Budget Hearing Status</p>	<p>New health care related bills of interest continue to slowly trickle into print. A number of bills are expected to become public over the next few weeks. Meantime, budget committee hearings are beginning.</p> <p>The Assembly Budget Committee delayed their hearing until next Wednesday where they will provide an overview of the Governor’s January Budget proposal. The Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) did publish their materials for this hearing, and can be found at: http://budgettrack.blob.core.windows.net/btdocs2023/Feb%201%20LAO%20Handout.pdf</p> <p>While many other budget informational hearings are beginning to be set, one to highlight is the Senate Budget Committee’s hearing on the California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (Cal-AIM) program. The hearing will focus on the status of implementation, evaluation of the work to date and future challenges for the state’s major reform effort for the Medi-Cal program. The hearing is set for Wednesday, February 22 at 9:30am.</p> <p>In addition, the Assembly Budget Subcommittee #1 on Health and Human Services has published its hearing schedule that can be accessed here: https://abgt.assembly.ca.gov/sub-1-health-and-human-services. Committee staff made a few comments regarding the list of hearings: They will be having fewer hearings – five (5) this year when they have usually held 8 or 9 – and are expected to be longer than is usual. The hearings will be in-person hearings; however, there will be phone lines available for public comment. And the schedule, hearing rooms and times may change so it is advised to monitor the Assembly files for updates.</p>
<p>California Endowment Briefing</p>	<p>The California Endowment held a briefing this week titled, “The Proposed State Budget: What to Know for 2023.” It provided an overview of the Governor Newsom’s 2023-24 proposed state budget proposals for health and equity, the policy outlook for the coming year, and the new class of legislators. For those of you unable to participate, a recording of the webinar and their materials can be found via the following links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Recording- Presentation Slides- Panelist Bios and Additional Resources

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