

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE



Week of May 15, 2023

State Issues

Legislative Update

This week, all eyes were on the Senate and Assembly Appropriations suspense files, where all bills with costs to the State get voted on at the same time. Bills either pass these Committees and move on to their respective floors or die for the year. Included below are the outcomes of some of the key health bills we are working on:

AB 40 (Rodriguez): Ambulance Patient Offload Times: Pass

- *Passed with amendments to remove the public education campaign*

AB 85 (Weber): Social Determinants of Health: Pass

- *Passed as amended to make it subject to appropriation*

AB 1001 (Haney): Hospital Behavioral Health Staff: Pass

- *Passed to the Assembly Floor*

AB 1063 (Gabriel): Nurse Ratios Report: Pass

- *Passed to the Assembly Floor*

AB 1164 (Lowenthal): ED Crowding Score: Hold in Committee

- *Failed to move*

AB 317 (Weber): Pharmacist Coverage: Pass

- *Passed to the Assembly Floor*

AB 1577 (Low): Clinical Placements: Pass

- *Passed to the Assembly Floor*

AB 1748 (Ramos): Warehouses: Hold in Committee

- *Failed to move*

SB 525 (Durazo): Minimum Wage: Pass

- *Passed to the Senate Floor*

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<p>Legislative Update <i>(continued)</i></p>	<p>SB 339 (Weiner): HIV Medication Access: Pass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Passed to the Senate Floor</i> <p>SB 424 (Durazo): CCS Modernization: Pass as Amended</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Pass as amended to only stop the expansion of the Whole Child Model</i> <p>SB 784 (Becker): District Hospital Direct Hire Physicians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Failed to move</i> <p>SB 43 (Eggman): Gravely Disabled: Pass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Passed to the Senate Floor</i>
<p>Budget Update</p>	<p>This week, both the Senate and Assembly Budget Subcommittees began holding hearings on the Governor’s May Revise Proposal. One key issue for the health care field is supporting the Managed Care Organization Tax, which has the potential to bring millions in additional revenue into the health care field. While this is an exciting development, some concerns about this plan have arisen. The Administration is interested in spreading the relief out over 8-10 years, which will dilute the annual funding hospitals can access. While there is a great deal to work out, the May Revise currently does not provide any direct funding from the MCO to hospitals and requires ongoing negotiations to settle on the distribution formula. Hospitals that focus on serving the Medi-Cal population continue to push for immediate funding relief in this budget year, as we continue to struggle with an inadequate Medi-Cal reimbursement structure.</p> <p>The Legislature has until June 15 to pass a balanced budget, but we expect negotiations on additional budget items to continue into September.</p>

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