

# CHEAC Legislative Hot Sheet 2002 - #13

## September 12, 2002

**\*Please note bill description and bill status changes are in bold**

### **SUPPORT 1**

**AB 849/Pavley** - Requires school districts, participating in the free or reduced price meal program, to include a request form for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families Program information with an application for the meal program.

**LAST ACTION:** 7/5/01 passed out of Senate Health & Human Services

**STATUS:** Senate Appropriations Committee (Suspense File)

**AB 2835/Longville** – States the intent of the Legislature to permit a lien to be continued against any settlement, compromise, arbitration award, mediation settlement, or any other recovery obtained brought by an injured person for damages against a third party for a county that tries to recover medical treatment costs.

**LAST ACTION:** Passed out of Assembly 75-0

**STATUS:** Senate Rules Committee

**SB 643/Ortiz** - Requires the Board of Corrections to reimburse counties for excess costs of providing more effective psychotropic medications to county incarcerated inmates and parolees.

**LAST ACTION:** 7/10/01 passed out of Assembly Public Safety

**STATUS:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB 785/Ortiz** - Increases parent eligibility for Healthy Families to 250% FPL and reduces family contribution requirements.

**LAST ACTION:** Amended in Assembly Appropriations 8/20/01 – Has not yet been heard

**STATUS:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB 1734/Vasconcellos** – Provides that no public entity, its agents, or employees shall be subject to criminal prosecution for distribution of any device or substance necessary to ensure the safety and cleanliness of needles or syringes distributed to participants in clean needle and syringe exchange projects. Also requires immunity attached clean needle and exchange projects to be authorized pursuant to an annual local emergency declaration due to the existence of a critical local public health crisis.

**LAST ACTION:** Passed out of Assembly 44-31 – Senate concurred in Assembly amendments 21-13

**STATUS:** To Governor

**SB 1785/Vasconcellos** – Authorizes the purchase of hypodermic needles or syringes without a prescription.

**LAST ACTION:** Senate concurred in Assembly amendments 21-12

**STATUS:** To Governor

### **SUPPORT 2**

**AB 41/Washington** – Establishes in OCJP a program of financial and technical assistance for counties to provide DA's or County sheriffs with funds to coordinate multi-agency drug endangered child response teams.

**LAST ACTION:** Passed to Assembly for concurrence on 9/14/01

**STATUS:** Assembly Floor – Inactive File

**AB 982/Firebaugh** - Establishes the CA Dental and Physician Corps Loan Assumption Program, administered by OSHPD, to authorize loan repayments, up to a specified amount, to participating, qualified

and licensed physicians and dentists who practice in underserved areas. Also establishes the Dental Corps Loan Repayment Programs of 2002 in the Dental Board of CA and creates the Dentally Underserved Account in the State Dentistry Fund.

**LAST ACTION:** Assembly concurred in Senate amendments

**STATUS:** To Governor

**AB 1154/Bates** - Requires DHS to implement program enhancements for the CA Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program in one or more phases over a 3-year period beginning no later than 1/1/05. Requires the implementation phasing be based on the findings of a study conducted by the Implementation and Planning Task Force established by the bill. Requires existing state, local and private foundation resources be used to accomplish the study.

**LAST ACTION:** 6/6/01 Passed Assembly 74-0

**STATUS:** Senate Health & Human Services Committee

**AB 1830/Frommer** – Prohibits any person from distributing or selling tobacco via the U.S. Mail or any private mail service to minors. Requires specified distributors and sellers to verify that the purchaser is 18 or older, and to telephone the purchaser after 5pm to confirm the order prior to shipping.

**LAST ACTION:** Assembly concurred in Senate amendments

**STATUS:** To Governor

**AB 1867/Vargas** – Expands the prohibited areas for smoking and disposal to within 25 feet of a playground or tot lot sandbox area. Increases the fine for an infraction from \$100 to \$250.

**LAST ACTION:** Passed out of Senate 22-14 – Assembly concurred in Senate amendments 52-24

**STATUS:** To Governor

**AB 1959/Corbett** – Provides that a CalWORKS recipient who signs a welfare-to-work plan and who is continuously enrolled in a registered nurses training program be eligible for aid for a cumulative period of not more than 48 months, in certain counties to the extent that each county elects to provide aid pursuant to these provisions, unless the county certifies that specified conditions for participating in community service activities under the program apply. Bill is now co-joined with AB 2386/Keeley, and applies solely to Alameda, San Diego, Santa Clara and Ventura counties.

**LAST ACTION:** Assembly concurred in Senate amendments 47-32

**STATUS:** To Governor

**AB 2010/Richman** – Requires DHS to develop and implement a consolidated application form that would enable an applicant for licensure as a primary care clinic to apply for licensure and a Medi-Cal identification number.

**LAST ACTION:** Passed out of Senate 34-3 – Assembly concurred in Senate amendments

**STATUS:** To Governor

**AB 2197/Koretz** - Requires DHS to expand eligibility for benefits under the existing Medi-Cal program, with certain exceptions, to include Nondisabled persons with HIV enrolled in ADAP, and who would be Medi-Cal eligible if disabled, in Medi-Cal managed care plans. Enrollment in Medi-Cal pursuant to the bill would be limited pursuant to an allocation system developed by DHS.

**LAST ACTION:** Assembly concurred in Senate amendments 51-27

**STATUS:** To Governor

**AJR 31/Thomson** – Memorializes Congress to provide funds to states and local governments for the provision of necessary security and relief measures to protect local citizens from terrorism.

**LAST ACTION:** Enrolled to Governor

**STATUS:** Signed by the Governor 5/21/02 – Resolution Chapter 61, Statutes of 2002

**SB 224/Speier** – Expands the Breast Cancer Treatment Program from 200% to 250% FPL.

**LAST ACTION:** 7/10/01 Passed out of Assembly Health 16-0

**STATUS:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB 226/Chesbro** - Extends operating authority and the sunset date for the County Medical Services

Program from January 2003 to January 2008.

**LAST ACTION:** 6/12/01 Passed out of Assembly Health 16-0

**STATUS:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**SB 406/Ortiz** – Implementation of the Federal Public Health Preparedness grant. Creates the Federal Bioterrorism Preparedness and Public Health Improvement Fund. Appropriates \$50,800,000 from the Federal Trust Fund to DHS for these purposes.

**LAST ACTION:** To Governor

**STATUS:** Signed by Governor – Chapter 393, Statutes of 2002

**SB 599/Chesbro** - Requires health plans to provide coverage for substance-use disorders on the same basis as they provide coverage for any other medical care.

**LAST ACTION:** 9/6/01 Passed out of Assembly Appropriations 14-6

**STATUS:** Assembly Floor - Pulled off Inactive File to Assembly third reading – Placed back on Inactive File

**SB 616/Chesbro** – Intent bill to create the Public Health Laboratory Training Program.

**LAST ACTION:** Passed to the Assembly 22-10

**STATUS:** In Assembly

**SB 843/Perata** - Enacts the Omnibus Tuberculosis Control and Prevention Act of 2002 that would permit any local health department to provide for certification, by the local health officer, of tuberculin skin test technicians. Also provides that when a person, infected with tuberculosis, is released on parole from a state correctional institution, a notification and written treatment plan shall be provided to both the local health officer in the county the inmate will reside and the health officer in the county where the correctional institution is located.

**LAST ACTION:** Senate concurred in Assembly amendments

**STATUS:** To Governor

**SB 1278/Speier** – Indefinitely extends the provisions requiring pharmacies to charge Medicare beneficiaries a price not to exceed Medi-Cal reimbursement rates for prescription medicines. Requires DHS to conduct an outreach program to inform Medicare beneficiaries.

**LAST ACTION:** Passed out of Assembly 63-10 – Senate concurred in Assembly amendments 31-2

**STATUS:** To Governor

**SB 1298/Ortiz** - Clarifies purposes for which public health subvention funds can be used. Does *not* change the formula.

**LAST ACTION:** Senate concurred in Assembly amendments 32-1

**STATUS:** To Governor

**SB 1695/Escutia** – Authorizes counties to establish training and certification programs to permit an EMT-1 to administer naloxone hydrochloride for heroin overdoses if they have completed training and passed a test. Requires EMSA to develop guidelines relating to the county certification programs.

**LAST ACTION:** Senate concurred in Assembly amendments 39-0

**STATUS:** To Governor

**SB 1890/Ortiz** – Creates the Tobacco Use Reduction and Compensation Fund. Requires the funds collected to be used for tobacco use prevention and control, education and research, disease prevention, the provision of medical and preventative health services for low-income and uninsured individuals, and the expansion of medical insurance coverage for the uninsured.

**LAST ACTION:** Heard in Senate Revenue & Taxation on 4/10

**STATUS:** Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee

**SB 2008/Speier** – Establishes an Assumption Program of Loans for Nursing Education until 1/1/10. Any nursing applicant who agrees to provide at least 4 years of full-time service in a general acute care

hospital, community clinic, free clinic, or Indian Health clinic or an acute psychiatric hospital would be eligible to enter into an agreement for loan assumption.

**LAST ACTION:** Senate concurred in Assembly amendments 27-4

**STATUS:** To Governor

### **OPPOSE 1**

**AB 883/Florez** – Authorizes counties to maintain a reserve in the their EMS Maddy fund. Establishes a state EMS Equalization Fund and would require that any county funds not disbursed according to the funds statutory scheme be distributed to counties based on the number of ER visits. Revises the formula for distribution of the funds.

**LAST ACTION:** In Assembly for concurrence

**STATUS:** Re-referred to Assembly Health (did not get out of committee)

**AB 2135/Ashburn** – Eliminates HFP application assistance fees and deletes the provision allowing applicants to sign a statement as to the value or amount of their income.

**STATUS:** Assembly Health Committee – Failed Passage on 4/9/02

**AB 2700/Mountjoy** – Limits the current motorcycle helmet law to drivers and passengers who are 20 years old or less. Provides that a person older than 21 may operate or ride as a passenger on a motorcycle without a helmet only if he or she has proof of at least \$1,000,000 in medical insurance on his or her person.

**LAST ACTION:** Assembly Floor – Failed Passage 33-33 – Recon. granted – Amended 4/29/02

**STATUS:** Assembly Floor – Failed Passage 34-34

### **OPPOSE 2**

**SB 187/Vasconcellos** - Establishes a statewide medical marijuana registration ID card program.

**LAST ACTION:** 9/14/01 Passed out of Assembly as amended 41-30

**STATUS:** Senate Floor for concurrence

### **SUPPORT IF AMENDED (SIA)**

**SB 1350/McPherson** - Establishes the Emergency Response Training Advisory Committee, with specified membership, to recommend specified terrorism awareness training criteria. Requires EMSA and the State Fire Marshal, separately, to establish additional training standards that include the curriculum content criteria recommended by the committee, involving the responsibilities of first responders to terrorism incidents.

**LAST ACTION:** Senate concurred in Assembly amendments 38-0

**STATUS:** To Governor

### **SUPPORT IN CONCEPT (SIC)**

**AB 32/Richman** – Creates the Cal-Health Program to provide coordination of the Healthy Families Program and Medi-Cal.

**LAST ACTION:** Amended on 8/30/01, but not heard in Senate Appropriations

**STATUS:** Senate Appropriations Committee

### **BILLS OF INTEREST**

**AB 1763/Richman** – Establishes a Public Health Emergency Powers Commission that would be required to submit to the Governor a designated public health emergency plan within 6 months after the commission's appointment. CHEAC is allowed one representative on the commission.

**LAST ACTION:** Heard in Assembly Appropriations 5/22

**STATUS:** Assembly Appropriations Committee

**AB 1833/Nakano** – Revises the claims payment procedures for county EMS funds. Makes various changes related to the administration of EMS funds.

**LAST ACTION:** To Governor

**STATUS:** Signed by Governor – Chapter 430, Statutes of 2002

*New Bill*

**SB 807/Dunn** – Provides that any person convicted of a reckless driving or drunk driving incident would pay an additional \$200 in fines to be deposited into the county Maddy EMS Fund and allocated to physicians, surgeons, and hospitals.

**LAST ACTION:** Senate concurred in Assembly amendments 24-0

**STATUS:** To Governor