

CHEAC Legislative Hot Sheet 2003 - #2

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SUPPORT 1

AB 1363/Berg - Authorizes cities, counties, or cities and counties to develop clean needle and syringe exchange projects that contain prescribed components. Authorizes pharmacists, physicians and certain authorized persons to furnish hypodermic needles and syringes without a prescription or a permit
STATUS: Assembly Health Committee - Set for hearing 4/29/03

SB 774/Vasconcellos – Authorizes a licensed pharmacist to sell hypodermic needles or syringes to a person without a prescription. Other provisions.
LAST ACTION: Do pass out of Senate Health & Human Services Committee (9-2)
STATUS: Senate Rules Committee

SUPPORT 2

AB 472/Correa – Requires that federal funding received by the state for bioterrorism preparedness and emergency response is continuously appropriated to DHS during any fiscal year that the Budget Act is not enacted by July 1 of that year.
STATUS: Assembly Health Committee - Set for hearing 4/29/03

AB 685/Leno - Authorizes an unlicensed HIV counselor to perform skin puncture providing a rapid HIV test for the CDC rapid HIV test research program.
STATUS: Assembly Business & Professions Committee & Assembly Health Committee - Set for hearing 4/29/03 (B&P)

AB 946/Frommer - Extends the operative date of the Healthy Families Program to January 1, 2008.
STATUS: Assembly Health Committee - Set for hearing 4/29/03

AB 1524/Richman - Changes the name of the Children's Health Initiative Matching Fund to the County Health Initiative Matching Fund. Expands the scope of the fund's health insurance coverage to adults who meet specified criteria. Authorizes funding for adults in a fiscal year only if funds are not needed for the children's expansion program.
STATUS: Assembly Health Committee - Set for hearing 4/29/03

SB 101/Chesbro – Requires Knox-Keene health care service plans and disability insurance policies to provide coverage for the treatment of medically necessary substance related disorders on the same basis as they provide coverage for any other medical condition. Other provisions.
STATUS: Senate Insurance Committee

SB 142/Alpert – Creates the Medi-Cal to Healthy Families Accelerated Enrollment Program that would make children meeting specified criteria eligible for health, dental, and vision coverage under the Healthy Families Program. Other provisions.
STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee - Amended 3/24/03 - Set for hearing 4/30/03

SB 858/Ortiz – Provides that any amount appropriated to DHS to implement designated tobacco use prevention programs shall be available for encumbrance and expenditure for 2 fiscal years beyond the date of appropriation.
STATUS: Senate Health & Human Services Committee - Set for hearing 4/30/03

*Please note **AB 1269/Wiggins** was significantly amended and has a new subject. It will go back to the Legislative Committee for review.

OPPOSE 1

AB 206/Richman – Implements the Emergency Health Powers Act.

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee - Set for hearing 4/29/03

AB 1200/Longville – Limits the helmet law to drivers and passengers who are 17 years of age or less.

STATUS: Assembly Transportation Committee - Set for hearing 5/5/03

AB 1470/Vargas - Authorizes, in any county, the increase in IHSS wages, benefits, or both, by voter initiative to the same extent that these wages and benefits may be increased by the BOS under the IHSS program.

STATUS: Assembly Human Services Committee - Set for hearing 4/29/03

OPPOSE 2

SB 685/Hollingsworth - Exempts from safety helmet requirements a person who has on file with the DMV a certificate signed by a physician or surgeon or a licensed chiropractor substantiating a disability that renders the person unable to wear a safety helmet as required under existing law.

STATUS: Senate Transportation Committee - Set for hearing 4/29/03

SB 995/Aanestad - Requires a county to establish a review board to address allegations of misconduct by physicians and surgeons specializing in pain management practice. Requires a DA to submit these matters to a review board prior to taking any action requiring a physician or surgeon to cease providing pain management services to a patient.

STATUS: Senate Business & Professions Committee and Senate Rules Committee - Set in B&P for hearing 4/28/03

SUPPORT IF AMENDED (SIA)

AB 879/Koretz – Requires DHS, through the Office of AIDS, to convene a task force to develop guidelines for the use of post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) in the general population.

LAST ACTION: Passed out as amended from Assembly Health (18-5)

STATUS: Assembly Appropriations Committee - Amended 4/23/03

SPECIAL INTEREST BILLS

AB 30/Richman - Requires MRMIB to expand HFP to provide coverage to employed childless adults who are uninsured, meet certain income criteria. Subject to approval of federal waiver and appropriation of state matching funds.

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee - Amended 4/24/03 - Set for hearing 4/29/03

AB 1716/Human Services Committee - Requires, for 2003-04 FY and fiscal years thereafter, that no Sales Tax Growth Account funds shall be allocated until the caseload portion of the base of each county's social services account in the county health and welfare trust fund is funded to the level of the prior year, and would require that funds to meet that requirement shall be allocated from Sales Tax Account of the Local Revenue Fund.

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee - Set for hearing 4/30/03

SB 420/Vasconcellos - Requires DHS to establish and maintain a voluntary program for the issuance of id cards to qualified medical marijuana patients and establishes procedures under which a qualified patient with an id card may use marijuana for medical purposes. Imposes various duties upon county health departments relating to the issuance of id cards.

LAST ACTION: Passed out of Senate Health & Human Services Committee (8-3) - Withdrawn from Senate Judiciary Committee

STATUS: Senate Rules Committee - Referred to Senate Public Safety Committee

SB 476/Florez - Allows Emergency Medical Services Agencies to maintain a reserve of only 10% in the physicians and hospital portions of their EMS fund. Requires each county to report to the EMSA on each April 15 (instead of January 1), and requires EMSA to compile and submit a report to the Legislature. Other provisions.

LAST ACTION: Was set for hearing in SH&HS 4/23/03 but was not heard

STATUS: Senate Health & Human Services Committee - Amended 4/22/03 - Set for hearing 4/30/03

SB 635/Dunn - Revises the limitation for uncompensated ER physician services to specify that the payment (to the physician) will not be made through any private health insurance or health plan coverage. Eliminates requirement that reimbursement can only be made for services provided in the first 48 hours.

LAST ACTION: Passed out as amended Senate Health & Human Services Committee (12-0)

STATUS: Senate Appropriations Committee

SB 767/Florez - Spot bill to enact the California Healthcare Safety Net Act of 2003 that will, among other things, set a minimum standard for access and availability of health care for the most underserved and uninsured populations in CA.

STATUS: Senate Rules Committee