

# CHEAC Legislative Hot Sheet 2004 - #1

## January 23, 2004

### **SUPPORT 1**

**AB 1363/Berg** - Authorizes cities, counties or cities and counties to develop clean needle and syringe exchange projects that contain prescribed components.

**LAST ACTION:** Assembly Appropriations

**STATUS:** Withdrawn from Assembly Appropriations - Re-referred to Assembly Health Committee

**\*AJR 54/Pacheco** - Memorializes the President and Congress to revise the formula used to calculate the FMAP to consider, in addition to a state's per capita income, the total number of persons living in poverty in that state.

**STATUS:** Introduced & Referred to Assembly Health Committee

**SB 678/Ortiz** - Appropriations bill for the CDC and HRSA bioterrorism preparedness grants.

**LAST ACTION:** Passed out as amended from Assembly Appropriations (23-0)

**STATUS:** Assembly Floor - Amended 8/28/03

### **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.

**LAST ACTION:** Passed out of Assembly Health (24-1) - 5/7 Heard in Assembly Appropriations - placed on suspense file

**STATUS:** Assembly Appropriations Committee - Heard, remains in committee

**AB 988/Maze** - Authorizes a credit against the personal income taxes for each taxable year beginning on or after 1/1/03, and before 1/1/08 in an amount either 20% of the amount received by a qualified medical care professional for treating Medi-Cal beneficiaries in a qualified county, or 10% of the salary received by a qualified medical care professional as an employee in either a qualified health center or a clinic operated by a federally recognized Indian tribe or the Indian Health Service.

**LAST ACTION:** Heard in Assembly Revenue & Taxation, placed on suspense file

**STATUS:** Assembly Revenue & Taxation Committee - Heard, remains in committee

**\*AB 1091/Negrete McLeod** - Requires the reportable diseases list to include reportable conditions and requires DHS to consult with CCLHO before making a change to the list. Exempts modifications to the list from certain existing adoption of administrative rules and regulations law provisions.

**STATUS:** Assembly Floor

**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.

**LAST ACTION:** Amended 1/6/04 - Passed out of Senate Appropriations (8-3)

**STATUS:** Senate Floor

### **OPPOSE 1**

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

**LAST ACTION:** Passed out of Assembly Health (16-4) - 5/21 Heard in Assembly Appropriations, placed on suspense file

**STATUS:** Assembly Appropriations Committee - Heard, remains in committee

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

**LAST ACTION:** Amended 1/5/04

**STATUS:** Assembly Transportation Committee - **Failed Passage (9-11) - Amended 1/15/04**

**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. Requires a voter initiative to only be placed on the ballot of a previously scheduled county election and specifies the events that would have to occur in order for the voter initiative to take place.

**LAST ACTION:** Passed out as amended from Senate Health & Human Services (8-2) - Amended 7/16/03

**STATUS:** Senate Appropriations Committee - Set for hearing 8/29 - not heard, remains on Suspense File

### **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.

**LAST ACTION:** Failed Passage in Senate Transportation (6-7) - Reconsideration Granted

**STATUS:** Senate Transportation Committee - **Returned to Secretary of Senate pursuant JR 62(a) - dead bill**

### **SPECIAL INTEREST BILLS**

**AB 30/Richman** - Requires MRMIB to expand HFP to provide coverage to employed childless adults who are uninsured and meet certain income criteria only if the program has been expanded to uninsured parents and caretakers of children in the program. Subject to approval of federal waiver and appropriation of state matching funds.

**LAST ACTION:** Passed out as amended from Senate Insurance (5-2) - Amended 7/8/03

**STATUS:** Senate Appropriations Committee - Set for hearing 8/29 - not heard, remains on Suspense File

**SB 431/Ortiz** - ~~Intent bill to establish the Department of Public Health (DPH), realign certain responsibilities between the DPH and DHS by transferring responsibility for the administration of specified programs to the DPH, provides that the new department shall be under the direction of the California Surgeon General and provides for the establishment of a public health board to provide public and expert involvement in the development of policies, regulations, and programs administered by DPH.~~ **Appropriates funds from the Federal Trust Fund to DHS to implement state and local bioterrorism preparedness measures.**

**LAST ACTION:** Re-referred to Senate Health & Human Services Committee - Amended 1/5/04 -

**Passed out of H&HS (8-0) to Senate Appropriations Committee**

**STATUS:** Passed out of Appropriations (8-0) to Senate Floor

**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.~~ **Authorizes Santa Barbara County to collect additional EMS penalties provided that their BOS adopts a resolution stating that implementation of these fees is necessary for providing payments for emergency medical services.**

**LAST ACTION:** Withdrawn from Assembly Appropriations Committee

**STATUS:** Assembly Public Safety Committee - **Amended 1/5/04**

**\*Please note that due to recent amendments this bill will be removed from subsequent Hot Sheets.**

**SB 767/Florez** - Enacts the California Health Care Safety Net Act of 2003 that would set a minimum level of funding for specified health care programs, and would prohibit these programs from being included in any transfer of responsibility and funding from state government to local governments. Requires a hospital, as a condition of receiving funds allocated for emergency departments from public sources, to have a written MOU or other formal agreement between the hospital and nonprofit community health centers in its area that would require emergency departments to establish a process, including protocols, whereby an emergency department would refer non-emergency care patients to nonprofit health centers for preventive primary care services and nonprofit community health centers would refer inpatient care cases to hospitals. Requires DHS Director to establish a task force composed of reps from specified provider groups to assess whether other programs should be added to the programs included in the health care safety net.

**STATUS:** Senate Rules Committee

**SB 858/Ortiz** – Intent bill to establish the Department of Public Health and to realign some responsibilities of DHS to the newly created department.

**LAST ACTION:** Passed out of Senate (37-0) - In Assembly

**STATUS:** Assembly Health Committee - Amended 7/29/03

**\*New Bills to the Hot Sheet - Please note these are unofficial positions until ratified by the General Membership in March.**