

CHEAC Legislative Hot Sheet 2004 - #8

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SUPPORT 1

AB 1881/Berg - Reauthorizes the integrated contracting pilot program for any county that wants to participate. Extends the programs' sunset date to 1/1/10.

STATUS: Introduced - Referred to Assembly Human Services Committee

***AB 2301/Maze** - Eliminates the requirement for CHIP quarterly reports and estimated annual reports.

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee – Set for hearing 3/23/04

***AB 2871/Berg** – Authorizes cities, counties or cities and counties to have a clean needle and syringe exchange project that authorizes such an exchange.

STATUS: Introduced

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.

LAST ACTION: Referred to Assembly Health Committee

STATUS: Set for hearing 3/16/04

***AB 5 (5X)/McCarthy** – Eliminates the poison pill in Realignment regarding the computation of the VLF.

STATUS: Assembly Budget Committee

SB 678/Ortiz - Appropriations bill for the CDC and HRSA bioterrorism preparedness grants. Authorizes DHS to enter into contracts for the purpose of meeting the federally approved BT plan; exempts those contracts from provisions of law relating to contracting by state agencies.

LAST ACTION: Passed off Assembly Floor (68-0) - In Senate for concurrence

STATUS: Senate Health & Human Services Committee recommended concurrence in Assembly amendments (9-0) - Senate Floor

SUPPORT 2

AB 1091/Negrete McLeod - Requires the reportable diseases list to include reportable conditions and the urgency of reporting each disease and condition. 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.

LAST ACTION: Passed to Senate (78-0)

STATUS: Referred to Senate Health & Human Services Committee - Amended 3/1/04

***AB 2026/Hancock** - Extends the operative duration of the youth pilot program to 1/1/09.

STATUS: Assembly Human Services Committee – Set for hearing 4/13/04

***AB 2963/Harman** – Requires, by 1/1/05, DHS to evaluate the regulations that became effective on 1/1/04 relating to nurse-to-patient ratios in health facilities' medical-surgical units. Provides that DHS may not impose the 1:5 ratio requirement upon these facilities unless the department is able to demonstrate that certain conditions are satisfied.

STATUS: Introduced

SB 1192/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: Introduced - Referred to Senate Insurance Committee

***SB 1362/Figueroa** – Authorizes a county’s hazardous waste element to include a program for the safe collection, treatment and disposal of sharps waste generated by households.

STATUS: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

***SB 1566/Escutia** – Extends the elementary school restriction on the sale of sodas and other sweetened beverages to high schools and middle schools.

STATUS: Senate Health & Human Services Committee and Senate Education Committee – Set for hearing (H&HS) 3/24/04

SUPPORT IF AMENDED

***AB 1239/Wiggins** - Imposes a fee, determined by DHS, on specified tobacco product manufacturers who did not sign the MSA. Creates the Nonparticipating Tobacco Manufacturer Mitigation Trust Fund to receive moneys derived from the imposition of the fee. Fees would be used to fund tobacco-related health measures.

STATUS: Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee and Health & Human Services Committee

Requested Amendment: Amendment to designate local funds for health purposes.

***AB 2307/Richman** – Requires DHS to implement a process that allows an applicant for licensure as a primary care clinic to be enrolled or certified, or both, as a provider in those programs.

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee – Set for hearing 3/30/04

Requested Amendment: Amendment to include county clinics.

SB 1159/Vaconcellos - Authorizes a licensed pharmacist to sell hypodermic needles or syringes to a person without a prescription. Other provisions.

LAST ACTION: Passed out as amended from Senate Health & Human Services (8-2)

STATUS: Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Requested Amendment: Amendment to allow the collection of fees or some other mechanism to recover the costs of administering the program.

OPPOSE 1

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

SPECIAL INTEREST BILLS

***AB 2293/Wolk** - Requires the establishment of emergency medical care committees in each county, prescribes its membership, includes review of complaints relating to the local EMS plan within the jurisdiction of the committee and requires the Commission on Emergency Medical Services to review appeals.

STATUS: Assembly Health Committee – Set for hearing 3/30/04

***AB 2766/Richman** - Deletes the Sales Tax Growth Account subaccounts in Realignment, revises the name of other subaccounts, adds the Non-Caseload Social Services Subaccount to that account and makes conforming changes. Other provisions.

STATUS: Introduced

SB 431/Ortiz - Appropriates funds from the Federal Trust Fund to DHS to implement state and local bioterrorism preparedness measures.

LAST ACTION: Senate Floor

STATUS: Passed to Assembly (23-10)

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 April.**