

CHEAC Hot Sheet 2006

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Bill Number Author Subject	Bill Status	Description	CHEAC Position
ASSEMBLY BILLS			
AB 126/Dymally <i>Beilenson Hearings</i>	In Assembly Health Committee. Last amended 4/18/05.	Restores original Beilenson law regarding the closing of county health facilities. Adds a requirement that BOS must determine prior to a closing that there will be no detrimental impact on indigent health care needs.	O-2
AB 392/Chan <i>Consolidated Contract</i>	On Senate Floor Inactive File.	Expands the ability of a county to implement an integrated health and human services system.	S-1
AB 470/Yee <i>Mental Health Medi-Cal</i>	In Assembly Health. Set for hearing 1/10/06. Amended 1/4/06. Passed out of Assembly Health (10-3). To Assembly Appropriations. Amended 1/12/06. Set for hearing 1/18/06.	Requires county mental health agencies to provide mental health assessments and services to all eligible children. Requires DHS to reinstate a juveniles Medi-Cal eligibility within 72 hours upon release from a detention facility. Requires DHS to suspend, not terminate, Medi-Cal benefits for incarcerated persons and to ensure immediate access to Medi-Cal services upon inmates release.	Watch with Concerns
AB 576/Wolk <i>IZ Registry</i>	In Senate Health Committee. Also referred to Senate Judiciary Committee. Last amended 8/15/05.	Allows patient physicians, local health departments and DHS to maintain access to immunization records when a patient refuses the sharing of this information.	S-2
AB 586/Negrete McLeod <i>EMS/BT</i>	In Senate Health Committee. Last amended 5/26/05.	Allows the health officer and the local EMS agency administrator to jointly appoint a medical/health operational area coordinator charged with coordinating the development of a medical and health disaster system. Requires DHS and EMSA to develop disaster medical and health regulations.	Special Interest Bill
AB 699/Chan <i>Medi-Cal Public Health</i>	On Assembly Appropriations Suspense File. Last amended 4/18/05. Re-referred to Assembly Health. Set for hearing 1/10/06. Amended 1/5/06. <u>GUT AND AMEND</u>. Passed out of Assembly Health (9-2). To Assembly Appropriations. Set for hearing 1/18/06.	Eliminates Medi-Cal beneficiary semiannual status reports. Requires DHS to determine the amounts of influenza vaccine available in the state each year. Compels vaccine distributors and pharmacy suppliers to divulge their local vaccine supplies. Requires any entity entitled to vaccine in the state to report its inventory upon notice from DHS or LHDs.	No position on current language
AB 959/Frommer <i>Medi-Cal</i> NEW BILL	In Assembly Health. Amended 1/4/06. Set for hearing 1/10/06. Passed out of Assembly Health (13-0). To Assembly Appropriations. Amended 1/11/06. Set for hearing 1/18/06.	Allows county (and city) public health clinics, as well as freestanding county primary and specialty care clinics which serve Medi-Cal patients on a fee-for-service basis to participate in the Medicaid Outpatient Supplemental Payment Program.	S-1

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AB 1538/Bass <i>IHSS</i>	In Assembly Human Services Committee.	Requires a county to provide the same wages and benefits to IHSS workers ineligible under a collective bargaining agreement containing maximum provider enrollment provisions.	Watch with Concerns
SENATE BILLS			
SB 34/Florez <i>First Five</i>	In Senate Local Government Committee. Last amended 3/8/05.	Requires that a county First Five commission's members not have a majority of county employees.	O-2
SB 162/Ortiz <i>Public Health</i>	In Senate Government Modernization, Efficiency and Accountability Committee. Last amended 3/30/05. Set for hearing 1/11/06. Passed out of Gov't Mod, Eff. & Acct. (5-4). To Senate Appropriations. Set for hearing 1/17/06.	Establishes the State Department of Public Health, to be headed by the State Health Officer to be appointed by the Governor. Transfers various public health programs to the newly established department.	Special Interest Bill
SB 454/Ortiz <i>Medi-Cal HFP Nutrition</i>	On Senate Appropriations Suspense File. Last amended 4/4/05. Set for hearing 1/19/06.	Requires MRMIB to establish standards for HFP participating health plans to provide nutrition education, physical activity and federal nutrition program information to beneficiaries who request such information. Requires DHS to do the same for Medi-Cal beneficiaries.	S-2
SB 945/Soto <i>AIDS/HIV</i>	In Senate Judiciary Committee. Last amended 4/14/05.	Changes HIV reporting system to names-based system.	S-2 (Subject to GM ratification)
SB 969/Ducheny <i>Public Health</i>	In Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. Last amended 4/12/05. Set for hearing 1/10/06. Failed Passage (7-5).	Exempts adults from the motorcycle helmet law if they have completed a motorcycle rider training program or have been issued a class M1 license. Adult riders and passengers riding without helmets must also carry proof of current medical insurance on their person.	O-1

NOTE: Bolded passages reflect changes from the previous Hot Sheet.

Definitions of Legislative Terms

Chaptered – A bill passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor.

Concurrence – The approval by the house of origin of a bill that was amended in the opposite house .

Dead Bill – A bill that has not met legislative deadlines for passage. Usually occurs at the beginning of the second year of a two-year legislative session.

Failed Passage – A bill that has been voted on in either a committee or assembly or senate floor and did not receive a majority vote. An urgency measure or tax increase must receive 2/3 vote on the floor.

Gut and Amend – An amended bill where the previous legislative language is removed and replaced with entirely new subject matter.

Held in Committee – Status of a bill that is heard in committee but no action is taken.

Inactive File – A bill ready for floor consideration but placed on a dormant list upon the author's request.

Interim Study – The assignment of a bill's subject matter to the appropriate committee for study during the period the Legislature is not in session.

Reconsideration Granted – A motion giving the opportunity to take another vote on a bill that has failed passage in a committee hearing or floor session.

Rules Committee – All bills are initially referred to this committee in each house for policy committee assignments.

Spot Bill (or intent bill) – A bill that proposes nonsubstantive changes to a code section in a particular subject. Often used as a legislative vehicle later in the legislative session for ideas not fully fleshed out when the bill is introduced.

Suspense File – Bills meeting a certain appropriation threshold in fiscal committees are placed on the suspense file. Fiscal committees in each house hold a special hearing close to the fiscal committee deadlines (late May and August) to determine which bills will come off the suspense file and move forward. The decision on each bill is pre-determined by leadership and the committee vote is mostly a formality.