

CHEAC Hot Sheet #26 - 2006

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Bill Number Author Subject	Bill Status	Description	CHEAC Position
ASSEMBLY BILLS			
AB 392/Chan <i>Consolidated Contract</i>	<i>Location:</i> Senate Floor Inactive File <i>Last Amendment:</i> Amended to non-relevant subject matter.	Expands the ability of a county to implement an integrated health and human services system.	S-1
AB 576/Wolk <i>IZ Registry</i>	<i>Location:</i> To the Governor <i>Last Amendment:</i> 8/9/06	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>	<i>Location:</i> To the Governor <i>Last amendment:</i> 8/21/06	Authorizes the local EMS agency administrator and the local health officer to act as the medical/health operational area coordinator. Designates the medical/health operational area coordinator, if any, in cooperation with various agencies, as the entity responsible for ensuring the development of a medical and health disaster plan. Sets forth the contents of the plan. Requires DHS and EMSA to adopt related regulations.	Watch Special Interest Bill
AB 959/Frommer <i>Medi-Cal</i>	Signed by the Governor Chapter 162, Statutes of 2006	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
*AB 2004/Yee <i>Medi-Cal</i>	<i>Location:</i> To the Governor <i>Last Amendment:</i> 8/7/06	Would prohibit terminating a minor's Medi-Cal eligibility if the minor is incarcerated instead requires DHS to suspend an incarcerated juvenile's Medi-Cal eligibility. Upon release from incarceration, DHS must ensure a juvenile has immediate access to Medi-Cal program health care services.	SIA Watch
AB 2076/Laird <i>AIDS/HIV</i>	<i>Location:</i> To the Governor <i>Last Amendment:</i> 3/28/06	Would allow counties to use HIV prevention and education funds to support clean needle and syringe projects.	S-2

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AB 2377/Chan <i>Healthy Kids</i>	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Appropriations Committee Suspense File <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/26/06	Creates a new state level fund, using unspecified GF monies, to eliminate any LI children's program enrollment caps or waiting lists for health coverage. Priority funding given to 20 counties with waiting lists as of 7/1/06 (same language as was in unsuccessful State Budget proposal). Also funds county administrative costs for the Buy-in program and provides matching funds for the premium payment assistance county buy-in program. Does not include an appropriation.	SIA
AB 2427/ Canciamilla <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Transportation Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Heard on 4/24/06 and failed passage. <i>Last Amendment:</i>	Exemption for those over the age of 18 from motorcycle helmet law.	O-1
AB 2469/Evans <i>IHSS</i>	<i>Location:</i> To the Governor <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/19/06	Advances funds to counties, with a population of 250,000 or less, against future realignment revenues to cover the full-cost of IHSS.	O-1
AB 2554/Ridley- Thomas <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> To the Governor <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/28/06	Limits the authority of local EMS agency or public safety agency medical directors to take disciplinary actions regarding certificates issued or renewed by that local EMS or public safety agency.	O-1
AB 2584/De La Torre <i>Emergency Preparedness</i>	<i>Location:</i> To the Governor <i>Last Amendment:</i> 5/26/06	Requires state or local agencies conducting emergency or disaster preparedness drills relating to the outbreak of infectious diseases to establish a process to identify deficiencies in procedures and track implementation of corrective measures.	Watch with Concerns
AB 3048/Dymally <i>IHSS</i>	<i>Location:</i> To the Governor <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/20/06	Authorizes IHSS providers to receive wages, up to one hour a month, to provide assistance to IHSS clients while at medical appointments.	Watch with Concerns
SENATE BILLS			
SB 162/Ortiz <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> To the Governor <i>Last Amendment:</i> 8/24/06	Establishes the State Department of Public Health, to be headed by the State Health Officer to be appointed by the Governor. Transfers the responsibility for certain programs from the State Department of Health Services to the State Department of Public Health. Establishes a Public Health Advisory Committee. Renames DHS the State Department of Health Care Services and specifies the programs in each of the two new departments. Other provisions.	SIA

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SB 409/Kehoe <i>State Budget Public Health Preparedness</i>	<i>Location:</i> Signed by Governor. Chapter 26, Statutes of 2006.	State Budget current year proposals: local pandemic influenza planning funds (\$4.5 million), some public health lab funding, some anti-viral funding and the EMSA PPE purchasing proposal.	S-1
SB 699/Soto <i>AIDS/HIV</i>	<i>Location:</i> Signed by Governor. Chapter 20, Statutes of 2006.	Changes HIV reporting system to names-based system. (Replaced SB 945 which was dropped from the hot sheet.)	S-2
SB 803/Ducheny <i>Alcohol/Drug</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Public Safety Committee <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/8/06	Includes in the definition of “drug treatment program” an in-custody drug treatment and education program. Requires drug testing as a condition of probation and authorizes a court to order a limited sentence of incarceration in a county jail. Specifies funds cannot be used for drug treatment courts. If periodic audits determine counties have not spent funds in accordance with the act, permits DHS to require counties to undertake corrective actions. Other provisions.	Watch Special Interest Bill
SB 1287/Ducheny <i>Realignment</i>	<i>Location:</i> On Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File <i>Last Amendment:</i> 6/15/06	Requires the UC Welfare Policy Research Project to sponsor a symposium on programs funded out of the Realignment Social Services Account., using data, information and assistance from DOF, DSS and the LAO for legislators, legislative staff and affected stakeholders.	Watch with Concerns
SB 1288/Cedillo <i>Medi-Cal Alcohol/Drug</i>	<i>Location:</i> To the Governor <i>Last Amendment:</i> 8/21/06	Requires that residential drug and alcohol treatment services for minors (12-20) be a covered benefit under the Medi-Cal Drug Treatment Program only if federal financial participation is available. Other provisions.	S-2
SB 1350/Romero <i>EMS Trauma Care</i>	<i>Location:</i> On Assembly Appropriations Committee Suspense File <i>Last Amendment:</i> 8/7/06	Establishes a statewide inclusive trauma system, with EMSA as the lead agency, and requires EMSA to establish trauma care regions. Requires each region to develop a trauma care plan that will provide trauma care coverage to the entire region. Requires EMSA to establish regulations for implementing the statewide trauma system. Specifies that each trauma care region shall be governed by a regional trauma board comprised of the administrator or his or her designee of each EMS agency in that region.	Watch with Concerns

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SB 1430/Alquist <i>Health Officers Public Health Law</i>	<i>Location:</i> To the Governor <i>Last Amendment:</i> 8/23/06	Allows first responders to hold individuals exposed to toxic agents for two hours for decontamination. Expands the authority of local health officers to declare a local <i>health</i> emergency (currently allowed only for toxic spills) if there is imminent and proximate threat of infectious disease. Emergency declaration must be ratified by the BOS within seven days. Further defines local health emergency. Other provisions.	Watch Special Interest Bill
*NEW BILL SB 1616/Kuehl <i>Medi-Cal</i>	<i>Location:</i> To the Governor <i>Last Amendment:</i> 8/21/06	Requires the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) to identify any disabled ward who is likely to be eligible for Medi-Cal upon release and ensure that he or she files a Medi-Cal application prior to his or her release. Requires DOCR notify the county welfare department of the county where the ward is likely to be released.	S-2

NOTE: Bills with an asterisk reflect CHEAC Legislative Committee action and positions are unofficial until ratified by the General Membership.

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.

CHEAC Legislative Position Chart

S - 1	Strong Support
S - 2	Soft Support
S - 3	Discretionary Support
SIA	Support if Amended
O - 1	Strong Oppose
O - 2	Soft Oppose
O - 3	Discretionary Oppose
OUA	Oppose Unless Amended
WC	Watch with Concerns
W-SIB	Watch - Special Interest Bill
W	Watch
R/BB	Refer/Bring Back
D	Defer