

CHEAC Hot Sheet #6 – 2009

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Bill Number Author Subject Last Amendment	Bill Status	Description	CHEAC Position
ASSEMBLY BILLS			
AB 54/Jeffries <i>EMS</i> Last amendment 3/26/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Governmental Organization.	Requires the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Office of State Fire Marshall, State Board of Fire Services, Department of California Highway Patrol, the California Conservation Corps, and the Emergency Medical Services to form a working group to prepare a Governor's Reorganization plan to transfer the authorities and duties of the aforementioned departments to the California Emergency Management Agency.	O-3
AB 57/Price <i>Hospitals</i>	<i>Location:</i> On Assembly Floor.	Requires DPH to establish a procedure for the collection and review of written staffing plans (excluding nurses) from UC hospitals.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 217/Beall <i>Medi-Cal Alcohol/Drug</i> Last amendment 4/28/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 5/13/09 .	Establishes the Medi-Cal Alcohol and Drug Screening & Brief Intervention Services Program to allow local funds to draw down federal funds via CPE. Funding obtained to be used to provide alcohol and drug screening and brief intervention services to Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are pregnant women or women of childbearing age.	S-3
AB 233/Smyth <i>Animal Control</i> Amended 5/4/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Rev & Tax Committee on the Suspense File. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 5/18/09 .	Allows a tax write off by a California taxpayer who adopts a pet from a qualified animal rescue organization (including county shelters).	S-2
AB 242/Nava <i>Animal Control</i> Last amendment 4/21/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.	Increases the prison time for people convicted of engaging in dog fighting activities while also increasing the penalties assessed for the act of watching a dogfight.	S-3
AB 342/Bass <i>Medi-Cal Hospitals</i> Last amendment 4/13/09	<i>Location:</i> On Assembly Floor.	Requires DHCS to submit a waiver to CMS to implement a demonstration project to strengthen the safety net, expand coverage and improve health outcomes.	Special Interest Bill
AB 486/Chesbro <i>Health Officers PHEP</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Governmental Organization Committee.	Extends the review period by the Board of Supervisors of a local state emergency declared by a health officer from 14 or 21 days to 30 days.	S-2

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AB 517/Ma <i>Public Health</i> Last amendment 4/13/09	<i>Location:</i> On Assembly Floor.	Repeals existing state law on the practice of tattooing, body art and piercings. Would require all body art practioners to register with local EH departments and require these practioners to comply with specific requirements including the completion of a blood borne pathogens exposure control training program (with annual updates). Facilities are also required to have valid health permits issued by EH and must have infection prevention and control plans in place. Allows LHJs to collect fees sufficient to pay for the administration of these programs.	S-3
AB 657/Hernandez <i>Workforce</i> Last amendment 4/27/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/13/09</u> .	Requires OSHPD to establish the Health Professions Workforce Task Force to assist in the development of a health professions workforce master plan.	S-2
AB 861/Ruskin <i>Simplified Contract</i> Amended 5/5/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee.	Requires DPH, within existing resources, to develop and implement, in consultation with LHJ reps, a model consolidated and streamlined administration and contracting process with LHJs for programs in both the Center for Infectious Disease and the Center for Family Health.	S-2
AB 1199/Ammiano <i>Health Care Master Plans</i> Last amendment 4/13/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee.	Requires counties to establish a working group to create a local health care master plan to consider among other things equitable distribution of health care services, including services provided by hospitals, clinics and other providers within the county.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 1201/M.Perez <i>Immunizations</i> Last amendment 4/28/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/13/09</u> .	Compels health plans or insurers to fully reimburse physicians for their childhood immunization vaccine costs.	S-3
AB 1205/Logue <i>Injury Prevention</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Transportation Committee. Failed passage; reconsideration granted.	Exempts drivers, 18 years or older who has either completed a motorcyclist safety training program or has been issued a class M1 license from wearing a safety helmet while operating a motorcycle, motor-driven cycle or motorized bicycle.	O-2
AB 1269/Brownley <i>Medi-Cal</i> Last amendment 4/14/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.	Extends Medi-Cal eligibility for the disabled who become unemployed for an additional 26 weeks if FFP is provided.	S-3

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AB 1445/Chesbro <i>Medi-Cal</i> Last amendment 4/15/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.	Allows reimbursement for a max of two visits to an FQHC or RHC on the same day and at the same location if the patient suddenly suffers and illness or injury subsequent to the first visit or if the patient has a medical visit and “another health visit” – meaning a face-to-face encounter with a clinical psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, dentist, dental hygienist or registered dental hygienist in alternative practice.	S-3
AB 1487/Hill <i>Jail Medical</i> Last amendment 4/2/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Public Safety Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/12/09</u> .	Increases the fee that can be charged to an inmate’s account for medical visits from \$3 to \$6.	SIA
AB 1503/Lieu <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/13/09</u> .	Creates a new physician and surgeon pricing policy for uninsured visits to the emergency room. Ties Maddy Fund reimbursements to these new provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns
SENATE BILLS			
SB 1/Steinberg <i>Children’s Health Expansion CCS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee.	Expands children’s health insurance. Please note: CHEAC has concerns with the CCS provisions in the bill.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 4/Oropeza <i>Public Health</i> Amended 5/5/09	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor.	Bans smoking at state parks and beaches.	S-3
SB 114/Liu <i>Medi-Cal</i> Last amendment 3/16/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.	Would deem independent foster children eligible for Medi-Cal upon their 18 th birthday without interruption in their benefits.	S-3
SB 124/Oropeza <i>Public Health</i> Amended 4/30/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Transportation and Housing Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/12/09</u> .	Codifies current regulations on school bus idling into statute with the aim of reducing public exposure to diesel exhaust particulate matter.	S-3
SB 152/Cox <i>Medi-Cal Mental Health</i> Last amendment 4/14/09	<i>Location:</i> Passed to the Assembly.	Would require DMH to send a reimbursement claim to the Controller for fee-for-service county mental health managed care contractors within 90 days. Interest accrues on unpaid claims and would come out of DMH’s budget.	S-3
SB 208/Steinberg <i>Medi-Cal Hospitals</i>	<i>Location:</i> On the Senate Floor.	Requires DHCS to submit a waiver to CMS to implement a demonstration project to strengthen the safety net, expand coverage and improve health outcomes.	Special Interest Bill

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SB 311/Alquist <i>HFP</i> <i>Dental Coverage</i> Last amendment 4/29/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/11/09</u> .	Would allow for the creation of a dental-only coverage option offered by the Healthy Families Program.	S-2
SB 318/Calderon <i>Animal Control</i> Amended 5/5/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/18/09</u> .	Provides procedures for the forfeiture of property connected with the crime of dog fighting.	S-3
SB 601/Padilla <i>Tobacco</i> Last amendment 4/28/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/11/09</u> .	Restricts new retail tobacco licenses for businesses located within 600 feet of public or private elementary or secondary schools.	S-2
SB 744/Strickland <i>Public Health</i> <i>Labs</i> Last amendment 4/22/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>5/18/09</u> .	Requires city and county public health labs to obtain a certification or registration from DPH each year. Fees charged for this certification or renewal is increased from a max of \$25 to a max of \$100. Additional fees would be levied each year, on a sliding scale, based on the number of tests a PH lab performs or expects to perform for the year. Requires PH microbiologists and PH lab directors to pay fees in order to be certified or registered with DPH on an annual basis.	OUA
SB 769/Alquist <i>Public Health</i> Last amendment 4/2/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	Provides that for FY 09/10 federal funding received pursuant ARRA for chronic disease prevention and wellness be allocated to DPH to local health jurisdictions for purposes of improving and enhancing evidence-based clinical and community-based prevention and wellness strategies.	Special Interest Bill
SB 810/Leno <i>Health Care</i> <i>Reform</i> Last amendment 4/23/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee on the Suspense File.	Establishes the California Healthcare System to be administered by the newly created CA Healthcare Agency under the control of an elected Healthcare Commissioner. Makes all CA residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the system, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. Requires the commissioner to seek all necessary waivers, exemptions, agreements or legislation to allow various existing federal, state and local health care payments to be paid to the system. Creates a health insurance policy board. Allows the Healthcare Commissioner to determine city and county contributions to the program. Other provisions.	SIA

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SBX3 24/Alquist <i>Medi-Cal</i>	Signed by Governor. Chapter 24, Statutes of 2009.	Repeals the change from annual to semi-annual Medi-Cal eligibility determinations for children in order to qualify for the enhanced FMAP funding in the federal stimulus package.	S-1

Definitions of Legislative Terms

Chapered – 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 passed out of it’s house of origin by the end of January of the second-year of the two-year legislative session. (Please note all deadlines may be waived by Legislative leadership.)

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 area. 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.

Two-Year Bill – A bill that has not passed out of its house of origin policy or appropriations committee by designated deadlines in the first year of a two-year legislative session. (Please note all deadlines may be waived by Legislative leadership.)

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