

CHEAC Hot Sheet #9 – 2010

March 19, 2010

Bill Number Author Subject Last Amendment	Bill Status	Description	CHEAC Position
ASSEMBLY BILLS			
AB 223/Ma <i>Public Health</i> Amended 1/4/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate.	Repeals existing state law on the practice of tattooing, body art and piercings. Would require all body art practioners to annually register with local enforcement agencies 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 annually by local enforcement agencies and must have infection prevention and control plans in place. Allows local enforcement agencies to collect fees sufficient to pay for the administration of these programs. Local enforcement agency is defined as a county or city health agency. For those jurisdictions where EH is not within the health department, the jurisdiction must designate who is the local enforcement agency (health or EH).	S-2
AB 342/Bass <i>Medi-Cal Hospitals</i> Last amendment 5/18/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee.	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 537/Arambula <i>Nutrition</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate.	Allows the State Department of Social Services to designate or assign an interested Food and Nutrition Service-authorized organization to operate an EBT acceptance system in a farmer's market selling fresh produce beginning by 1/1/12. Does not require markets themselves to create, operate or maintain an EBT system.	S-2
AB 1225/De La Torre <i>Public Health Emergency Preparedness</i> Amended 1/4/10	<i>Location:</i> In Senate.	Requires CDPH and LHDs to establish a process when conducting infectious disease outbreak exercises to identify any deficiencies in the preparedness plans and procedures and track implementation of corrective measures.	Watch w/ Concerns

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AB 1445/Chesbro <i>Medi-Cal</i> Last amendment 6/1/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Appropriations Committee.	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 6/22/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Public Safety Committee.	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 Senate Health Committee.	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
AB 1599/Beall <i>Medi-Cal Drug & Alcohol</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>3/23/10</u> .	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. Requires any public entity drawing down FFP to reimburse the state their costs for creating and administering the program.	S-3
AB 1652/Jones <i>Injury Prevention</i> Last amendment 2/25/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health and Judiciary Committees. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>3/23/10</u> (Health).	Requires any person under the age of 18 or a person employed by a ski resort to wear a properly fitted and fastened snow sport helmet while on skis or a snowboard. Other provisions.	S-3
AB 1653/Jones <i>Medi-Cal Hospitals</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/6/10</u> .	Exempts public hospitals, specialty hospitals (as defined by OSHPD), long term care hospitals (satisfying Medicare criteria) and small, rural hospitals (as defined by OSHPD) from the Hospital Quality Assurance Fee passed last year.	S-3
AB 1701/Chesbro <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>3/23/10</u> .	Eliminates the sunset in current statute that allows pharmacists to furnish hypodermic needles or syringes to persons without a prescription if the pharmacist is registered with the local health department as allowed under the Disease Prevention Demonstration Project.	S-2
AB 1783/Hayashi <i>Medi-Cal</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>3/23/10</u> .	Adds licensed dentists to the list of Medi-Cal enrolled providers in good standing, who change their location, to file a change of location form rather than re-enroll as a provider in the Medi-Cal program.	S-3

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AB 1980/Hayashi <i>Animal Control</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Business & Professions Committee.	Allows animal shelter employees, who have received proper training, to provide first aid to animals in their care without the presence of a veterinarian.	S-3
AB 2000/Hagman <i>Animal Control</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Agriculture Committee.	Exempts a dog owner from the rabies vaccination requirement if a licensed vet determines, on an annual basis, that the dog would have a potentially lethal reaction to the vaccine.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 2039/Logue <i>Consolidated Contract</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Human Services Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>3/23/10</u> .	Eliminates the sunset provision on the Placer County integrated health and human services program.	S-2
AB 2071/Lowenthal <i>Jail Medical</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Public Safety Committee.	Allows the Secretary of the Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation to release certain physically or medically incapacitated prisoners to medical facilities on “medical parole”. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 2084/Brownley <i>Child Nutrition</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Human Services Committee.	Requires licensed child care facilities to follow specific guidelines on the provision of beverages to children in their care including serving only 1% or nonfat milk to children 2 or older, limit juice to one serving a day of 100% juice, serve no beverages with added sweeteners either natural or artificial and to make clean & safe drinking water available throughout the day.	S-3
AB 2093/VM Perez <i>Immunizations</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/6/10</u> .	Requires health plans or insurers to reimburse physicians for their childhood immunization vaccine actual costs.	S-3
AB 2145/Ammiano <i>Drug & Alcohol</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Judiciary Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/6/10</u> .	Removes sunset provisions on the provision of opioid antagonists by physicians who have received training from an opioid prevention and treatment training program operated by LHJs or by an entity registered by the local LHJ. Removes reporting requirements for LHJs who operate or register a training program, and requires the State Department of Alcohol & Drug Programs to report on overdose trends statewide.	S-3

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AB 2153/Lieu <i>Hospitals</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee.	Requires all licensed general acute care hospitals to assess the condition of their emergency rooms every four hours and then calculate and record a crowding score. If a hospital does not record a crowding score in level four or higher for the previous 30 days, it may assess its ER every eight hours; however, if it records a crowding score of four or higher, it must revert to the four hour schedule. Also requires hospitals to develop and implement a full-capacity protocol for each category on the crowding scale. Hospitals with emergency rooms must file these protocols with OSHPD.	Watch w/ Concerns
AB 2248/Hernandez <i>EMS/Maddy Fund</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee.	Requires that the counties include in their annual Maddy Fund reports to the Legislature a description of how the 17% discretionary EMS account funds were disbursed for other “emergency medical services”.	Watch w/ Concerns
NEW BILL AB 2303/Tran <i>VLF</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Transportation Committee.	Requires the DMV, by 1/1/12 through regulation, to implement a program allowing an unemployed person or who meets state poverty guidelines to pay their vehicle registration fee in installments.	O-2
AB 2334/Salas <i>Health Facilities</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee.	Prohibits a medical provider or health facility from charging, assessing or collecting, either directly or through a collection agency, any interest, late fees or charges arising out of any unpaid balance on a bill for medical services rendered.	O-3
AB 2387/Miller <i>Jail Medical</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Public Safety Committee.	Eliminates the sunset provision on existing law that creates and convenes the Inmate Health Care and Medical Provider Fair Pricing Work Group and current law that allows hospitals that do not contract with the sheriff to be reimbursed at 110% of cost. Clarifies existing law that local law enforcement is financially responsible for the health care of a person in the custody of city or county law enforcement personnel whether or not the person in custody has been delivered, received or booked in any local jail or detention facility.	Special Interest Bill
AB 2456/Torrico <i>EMS</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee.	Existing law allows EMSA to develop planning and implementation guidelines for emergency medical services systems. This bill establishes that a local EMS program <u>shall</u> adhere to these guidelines in all areas of administration. Also adds medical control to the list of components EMSA’s EMS guidelines shall address.	O-2

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AB 2486/Feuer <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Judiciary Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing 3/23/10 .	Allows a social host who knowingly furnishes alcoholic beverages to a person under the age of 21 to be legally accountable for any damages, injury or death of another person resulting from the consumption of those beverages.	S-3
AB 2705/Hall <i>Pupil Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Education Committee.	Requires the an additional component of the After School Education and Safety Program to include a physical fitness element of at least 30 minutes. Requires that by 1/1/13, for grades 1-6, required physical education instruction include at least 50% of the time spent on moderate to vigorous physical activity. Intent language to increase the flexibility of joint use policies and practices that will allow schools and communities to optimized resources, share costs, and identify creative solutions to increase access to safe places to play and exercise.	S-2
AB 2716/Mendoza <i>Animal Control</i>	<i>Location:</i> Introduced.	Allows for a reduced license fee for a puppy under the age of 8 months if a certificate is presented from a licensed vet affirming the dog's age.	O-3
SENATE BILLS			
SB 4/Oropeza <i>Public Health</i> Last amendment 3/11/10	<i>Location:</i> On Assembly Floor.	Bans smoking at state parks and beaches.	S-3
SB 152/Cox <i>Medi-Cal</i> <i>Mental Health</i> Last amendment 4/14/09	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee.	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</i> <i>Hospitals</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly Health Committee.	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
SB 769/Alquist <i>Public Health</i> Last amendment 9/9/09	<i>Location:</i> On Senate Floor.	Provides that for FY 09/10 federal funding received pursuant to the federal Supplemental Appropriations Act for state and local public health and emergency response infrastructure for pandemic flu be—subject to appropriation by the Legislature for allocation by DPH pursuant to the CDC grant agreement. Requires DPH to use funds to expand CAHAN capacity for hospitals and clinics. Urgency clause added to the bill.	Special Interest Bill

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SB 771/Alquist <i>Medi-Cal</i> Last amendment 1/26/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly.	Extends the change from annual to semi-annual Medi-Cal eligibility determinations for children in the event that the enhanced FMAP in ARRA is extended.	S-1
SB 810/Leno <i>Health Care Reform</i> Last amendment 1/13/10	<i>Location:</i> In Assembly.	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
SB 998/Liu <i>Long Term Care</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/14/10</u> .	Requires every county social services or public health department, when it establishes a long-term care case management program, to assign case managers to each acute care hospital, skilled nursing facility and other licensed long-term care facility located within their jurisdiction. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns
SB 1054/Walters <i>Public Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> Introduced.	Allows nonprofit organizations to sell or offer a used child passenger seat if 1) upon visual inspection, determines that the manufacturer's expiration date has not passed and 2) upon visual inspection, the seat is in safe, working condition.	O-3
SB 1063/Cox <i>HFP</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/14/10</u> .	Restructures how co-pays for brand-name prescription drugs and emergency health care services are determined by MRMIB. Eliminates language tying copayment levels to PERS rates. Increases total annual copayment limits to subscribers from \$250 to \$350.	O-3

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SB 1109/Cox <i>First 5</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/14/10</u> .	Subject to voter approval, eliminates First 5 allocations to its various accounts and directs those funds to the State General Fund for the Healthy Families Program and Medi-Cal. Abolishes both State and county First 5 commissions. Counties are directed to assume existing First 5 contracts and obligations. Takes existing unencumbered local First 5 funds and provides 50% to the county office of education and 50% to the county treasurer.	O-3
SB 1111/Negrete McLeod <i>Healing Arts Licenses</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/5/10</u> .	Makes changes to various health care licensing boards giving them the necessary regulatory tools and authorities to ensure improved efficiency and increased accountability for their licensees and to ensure consumer protection.	Special Interest Bill
SB 1185/Maldonado <i>Animal Control</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee.	Allows a deduction in computing adjusted gross income, not to exceed \$250, for the costs paid or incurred during the taxable year for food and supplies purchased for an animal adopted from a qualified animal rescue organization (including county shelters).	S-3
SB 1208/Strickland <i>VLF</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Transportation & Housing Committee.	Permits the DMV Director to establish a biennial vehicle registration period option for registrants. If a person chooses this option, allows a 5% reduction in basic registration fees.	Watch w/ Concerns O-2
SB 1210/Florez <i>Child Nutrition</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Revenue & Taxation Committee.	Imposes a tax on every sweetened beverage manufacturer who makes first sale of a sweetened beverage of a rate of \$0.01 per teaspoon of sugar placed in the beverage. Revenues collected would be deposited in the Childhood Obesity Fund. <i>Amendment sought: 75% of funds collected be distributed to LHDs to provide childhood obesity prevention services.</i>	Support if Amended
SB 1255/Padilla <i>Pupil Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health and Education Committees. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/14/10</u> .	Removes electrolyte replacement beverages (sports drinks) from those beverages that may be sold at schools during school hours.	S-2
SB 1393/Simitian <i>VLF</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Transportation & Housing Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/6/10</u> .	Requires the DMV Director, beginning in 2012, to establish a biennial vehicle registration period. Other provisions.	Watch w/ Concerns O-2
SB 1413/Leno <i>Pupil Health</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Education Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/14/10</u> .	Requires school districts to provide access to fresh, free drinking water in school food services areas beginning 1/1/12.	S-2
SB 1431/Simitian <i>Healthy Families Program</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee. <i>Hearing:</i> Set for hearing <u>4/14/10</u> .	Allows counties, through the County Health Initiative Matching Fund, to draw down FFP for children who due to enrollment policies enacted by MRMIB, or who are unable to enroll in HFP due to family income at 400% FPL .	S-3

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SCA 29/Strickland <i>Health Care Reform</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health and Elections, Reapportionment & Constitutional Amendments Committees.	Prohibits the effectiveness or enforcement of a state or federal program that has an individual mandate, has guaranteed issue for health insurers, an employer mandate, creates an entity created, operated or subsidized by the government to compete with health insurers, or creates a single-payer health care system unless the program is approved by the electorate via ballot measure.	O-3
SBX3 26/Alquist <i>HFP</i> Last amendment 4/16/09	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Rules Committee.	Would allow for the creation of a dental-only coverage option offered by the Healthy Families Program.	S-2
SBX8 41/Cox <i>First 5</i>	<i>Location:</i> In Senate Health Committee. Failed passage. DEAD BILL.	Subject to voter approval, eliminates First 5 allocations to its various accounts and directs those funds to the State General Fund for the Healthy Families Program and Medi-Cal. Abolishes both State and county First 5 commissions. Counties are directed to assume existing First 5 contracts and obligations. Takes existing unencumbered local First 5 funds and provides 50% to the county office of education and 50% to the county treasurer.	O-3

*2-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. Must be then passed out of its house of origin by January 31, 2010, or it becomes a dead bill. (Please note all deadlines may be waived by Legislative leadership.)

Definition 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 passed out of its 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.

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